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II.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

THE NINETY-EIGHTH* SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held at Danville, Virginia, beginning on Wednesday, November 17th, 1880, at nine o'clock A. M.

Bishop John C. Keener, presiding.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called by the Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., Secretary of the last Conference.†

Paul Whitehead was nominated and elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson and Geo. C. Vanderslice, Assistants.

On motion, the hour of meeting daily was fixed at 9 o'clock A. M., and of adjournment, at 1 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the bar of Conference was fixed at the third window from the pulpit.

The Standing Committees of the Conference were, according to rule, constituted as follows;

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—Wm. G. Starr, Thos. Branch, Robert W. Watts, J. A. Hili, Joshua S. Hunter, Micajah Davis, R. A. Compton, H. W. Reynolds, Thos. H. Boggs, Thos. J. Davis, Wm. G. Lumpkin, T. B. Hamlin, Thos. S. Williams, Wm. Grant, Wm. McGee, Russell S. Dawson, W. A. Crocker, W. W. Walker, C. C. Wertenbaker, S. D. Travers.

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COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—William P. Wright, M. E. Gary, Herbert M. Hope, James O. Shepherd, John T. Moore,

*The sessions are numbered from the General Conference of 1784, instead of from that of 1796, as heretofore. See Resolutions page 18, and Report.

†The Directory shows who were present during the session.

Jas. W. Dickerson, John D. Southall, J. J. Lamkin, John M. Saunders, Asa Lambert, Chas. H. Boggs, J. Pinkney Williamson, B. F. Tennille, Wm. M. Beaton, Jacob Manning, James Batten, Jas. F. Brannin, W. T. Chandler, Jas. L. Spencer, J. E. Broadwater.

On motion, A. C. Bledsoe and P. A. Peterson were appointed a Committee on Memoirs.

On motion of Geo. W. Nolley, the Presiding Elder of Danville District, and the preachers stationed in Danville and North Danville, were appointed a Committee on Public Worship.

F. M. Edwards moved that a Committee on the State of the Church, with respect to Discipline, be appointed, which was carried, and it was ordered to consist of one from each district.

The following were nominated and appointed as said Committee:

L. B. Betty, E. H. Pritchett, James E. Gates, James E. McSparran, Thos. M. Beckham, William G. Williams, Thos. H. Campbell, R. B. Beadles, J. D. Hank, John N. Jones.

On motion, it was ordered that F. M. Edwards be added to the Committee, and be the Chairman thereof.

On motion, it was ordered that a Committee of three members be appointed on the Bible Cause.

The chair named John E. Edwards, Jacob Manning and Oscar Littleton, to compose said Committee.

A communication from the trustees of the church belonging to the late German Mission in Richmond, giving information concerning sale of said church and disposition of the funds, was laid before Conference by Thos. Branch, and, on motion, was referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

Minute Question 18, "Who are superannuated?" was taken up, and Benj. T. Ames, Robert A. Gregory, Robert Michaels, Wm. A. Robinson, Benj. M. Williams, Wm. Carter, James McAden, S. T. Moorman, Jacob Shough, H. H. Gary, John C. Garlick, John McClelland, Geo. W. Nolley, James S. Fisher, John B. Laurens, Fielding A. Davis and Thomas Diggs, passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that they be placed on the superannuated list, and that their names be returned in answer to Minute Question 20, as well as in answer to Minute Question 18.

On motion, so much of a communication from S. T. Moorman (read while his name was under consideration), as refers to the mission work in the Penitentiary at Richmond, was referred to the Conference Mission Board.

Minute Question 17, "Who are supernumerary?" was taken

up, and Wm. H. Camper, Thos. H. Early, James A. Riddick, James H. Maynard, William J. Norfleet, Joseph E. Potts, Henry C. Bowles and Thos. A. Ware, passed in examination of character, and it was ordered that (with the exception of James H. Maynard) they be placed on the supernumerary list, and that the names of all of them be returned in answer to Minute Question 20.

Minute Question 5, "Who are re-admitted?" was taken up, and Benjamin R. Duval applied for re admission into the traveling connection, presenting a certificate of recommendation from the Quarterly Conference of the West New Kent Circuit; but the Conference, by a vote of 33 ayes to 66 noes, declined to re-admit him.

Minute Question 10, "What local preachers are elected Deacons?" was taken up, and Wm. T. Williams, a local preacher of Glenmore circuit, Albert A. Jones, a local preacher of West Dinwiddie circuit, Walter W. Sawyer, a local preacher of Hertford and Edenton circuit, and Wilber F. Davis, a local preacher of Westmoreland circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of these circuits, respectively, as suitable persons to be elected Deacons, passed in examination of character, and were elected accordingly.

On motion of Thos. Branch, it was ordered that hereafter no member of this body shall be permitted to speak more than ten minutes on any subject.

On motion of W. H. Christian, it was resolved that the representatives of the press be allow to have seats within the bar.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 18, 1880.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Wm. McGee.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved. The following members appeared and took their seats:

Clerical.—J. H. Amiss, T. J. Bayton, Thos. M. Beckham, R. B. Blankenship, A. C. Bledsoe, D. G. C. Butts, John L. Clarke, W. A. Crocker, J. H. Dalby, Thos. H. Early, Wm. H. Edwards,

Wm. P. Jordan, R. J. Moorman, John M. Saunders, John D. Southall, B. C. Spiller, Alfred Wiles, Wm. G. Williams, R. M. Saunders, Thos. L. Williams, Jos. B. Merritt, John W. Tucker, John W. Howard, Wm. E. Allen, Geo. W. Wray.

Lay.—Richard Pollard (alternate in place of M. H. Garland) and J. W. Dickerson, from Lynchburg District; Wilbur J. Kilby, of Murfreesboro District, Jas. G. Penn, of Danville District, and Asa Lambert, of Farmville District.

A communication from J. B. McFerrin, Book Agent of the M. E. Church, South, with the Annual Report of the business and condition of the publishing house for the year ending June 1, 1880; and a communication from O. P. Fitzgerald, editor of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, were laid before Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from A. W. Wilson, Missionary Secretary of the M. E. Church, South, concerning our Mission work, was laid before Conference, read, and, on motion, referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

A communication from J. H. Chambers & Co., respecting the "Life and Labors of Bishop Marvin," published by them, was laid before Conference, read, and referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The catalogue of the Suffolk Female Institute was laid before Conference, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

Minute Question 14, "What local preachers are elected elders?" was taken up, and

Joseph P. H. Crismond, a local deacon of Spottsylvania Circuit, was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that circuit, according to law, and presented a certificate of his belief in our doctrine and discipline, passed in examination of character, and was elected accordingly to elder's orders.

Minute Question 20, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" was taken up, and the following elders passed in examination of character: Francis M. Edwards, Edgar H. Pritchett, Wm. E. Payne, Richard Ferguson, Herbert M. Hope, J. Wiley Bledsoe, James H. Crown, Oscar Littleton, Robert W. Watts, James M. Anderson, Joshua S. Hunter, Adam C. Bledsoe, John T. Moore, Wilbur F. Robins, John H. Kabler, Wm. F. Bain, John N. Jones, Chas. E. Watts, W. H. Gregory, Travis J. Taylor, James O. Moss, Henry C. Cheatham, M. L. Bishop, James W. Compton, Davis P. Wills, P. A. Peterson, R. A. Compton, John H. Patteson, William B.

Rowzie, J. W. Crider, B. S. Herring, E. A. Gibbs, John D. Southall, John E. Deshazo, John W. Tucker, James E. Gates, Lemuel S. Reed, James F. Twitty, James R. Waggoner, T. M. Beckham, Thomas H. Boggs, John M. Saunders, John T. Lumpkin, W. H. Atwill, James C. Reed, James W. Blincoe, John Q. Rhodes, John W. Howard, Paul Whitehead, E. M. Peterson, John D. Blackwell, J. Powell Garland, Francis J. Boggs, Jos. Lear, Wm. G. Williams, James D. Lumsden, Jacob H. Proctor, Chas. H. Boggs, Wm. G. Lumpkin, L. A. Guy, Wm. W. Lear, Edward P. Wilson, Herbert T. Bacon, Wm. E. Allen, B. F. Tennille, James E. McSparran, Joseph H. Amiss, Alfred Wiles, James C. Martin.

And it was ordered that L. A. Guy be placed on the supernumerary list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 18—"Who are supernumerary?"

On motion, leave of absence for to-morrow was granted to Adam C. Bledsoe.

The name of F. C. Woodward was called, and the Presiding Elder of his District stating that there were serious complaints in his congregation and the section of country in which he has labored, concerning the doctrines preached by him in his ministry, on motion, it was ordered that a committee be appointed to investigate the complaints.

The Chair appointed W. W. Bennett, John C. Granbery and John D. Blackwell to compose said committee.

And then the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 19, 1880.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Jacob Manning.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared and took their seats:

Clerical.—Herbert T. Bacon, B. F. Woodward, John P. Woodward, James R. Waggener, James T. Lumpkin, William B. Rowzie, H. P. Mitchell.

Lay.—Thos. J. Davis, of Farmville District; Rev. William Grant, of Murfreesboro District.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following elders

passed in examination of character: Thomas H. Campbell, Wm. McGee, Jacob Manning, J. H. Dalby, Chas. E. Hobday, Joseph B. Merritt, Edward M. Jordan, Thomas P. Wise, Robert M. Saunders, Joseph J. Edwards, John P. Woodward, Thomas L. Williams, Herbert T. Bacon, William H. Christian, Samuel S. Lambeth.

O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., editor of the *Christian Advocate* at Nashville, was introduced to the Conference, and addressed the body respecting the Publishing House and the *Advocate*.

Minute Questions 4, "Who are admitted into full connection?" and 8, "What traveling preachers are elected deacons?" were taken up, and David J. Traynham, Theodore O. Edwards, James Austin, Jacob N. Rosser, James W. Stiff, Richard O. Payne, Joseph R. Sturgis, William T. Green and George H. Zimmerman, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were examined before the Conference by the Bishop, and were severally received into full connection, and (with the exception of David J. Traynham, Joseph R. Sturgis and Geo. H. Zimmerman, who have already been ordained deacons) elected to deacon's orders.

Charles E. Wren, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and it being reported from the Committee of the Second Year that he had not passed an approved examination on the studies of that year, and from the Committee of the First Year that he had not passed an approved examination on the "History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South," as required by the last Conference, James W. Anderson moved that he be continued on trial. Paul Whitehead moved as a substitute that he be discontinued. After full discussion, the substitute was lost, and the motion to continue him on trial carried. And it was ordered that he stand an approved examination at the next Conference on the subjects of the second year and that of the first year, above named.

S. O. Harris, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and not being present or having appeared before the committee of examination, was discontinued at his own request.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That a memorial service for Bishop D. S. Doggett be held at 3 o'clock P. M. on Sunday next; and that Rev. R. N. Sledd, D. D., be requested to deliver a sermon suitable to that occasion.

2. That the memorial service for brothers John Bailey and James Jamieson be held on Monday next at 11 o'clock A. M.

W. W. Bennett, J. B. Dey and J. D. Blackwell offered a pre-

amble and resolutions, which were read; and, on motion, it was ordered that the paper be laid upon the table for the present and printed.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 20, 1880.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by F. M. Edwards.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared and took their seats:

Clerical.—Wesley C. Vaden.

Lay.—G. L. Berry, of Charlottesville District; Dr. W. C. Booth, of Farmville District.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following elders passed in examination of character:

Joseph H. Riddick, Thomas J. Bayton, William E. Judkins, Wm. G. Starr, John E. Edwards, Alex. G. Brown, William P. Wright, Wesley C. Vaden, B. F. Woodward, David M. Wallace, L. B. Betty, James W. Connelly, George C. Vanderslice, Robt. N. Sledd, P. F. August, J. J. Lafferty, J. C. Granbery, Leroy M. Lee.

Leave of absence for remainder of the session was granted to John D. Blackwell.

L. B. Betty having failed, on account of ill-health, during the earlier part of the year, to prepare for the examination on "Church History," as required by the last Conference, it was ordered that he pass an approved examination on that subject before the Committee of the Fourth Year at the next session of this Conference.

Minute Question 12, "What traveling preachers are elected elders?" was taken up, and Richard M. Chandler, Bernard F. Lipscomb, Joseph T. Mastin, John M. Burton, Nathan B. Foushee, Wm. Henry Edwards, Willie O. Waggener, Spottswood H. Johnson, William E. Evans, Nathaniel J. Pruden, Charles D. Crawley and William R. Smithey passed in examination of character, and were severally elected to elder's orders.

Walter C. Taylor passed in examination of character, and it appearing that his ill-health continues, and that he is not pres-

ent at this session, on motion of T. J. Taylor he was continued as a deacon, and it was ordered that he be placed on the supernumerary list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Questions 7, "Who are the deacons of one year?" and 17, "Who are supernumerary?"

Under Minute Question 7, "Who are the deacons of one year?" Junius B. Deberry, who was continued as a deacon last year, passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the studies of the third year, was continued as a deacon.

Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was called, and Jacob B. Askew, who was received on trial into the travelling connection at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and was continued on trial, having passed an approved examination on the course of study for the first year. And it appearing that he was a local preacher for three years successively before his admission into the Conference on trial, and the Conference approving the application for orders, he was elected to deacon's orders; and it was ordered that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 10.

Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up, and Walter G. Bates, a local preacher of Broad-street Station, Richmond; William A. Tompkins, a local preacher of Fluvanna Circuit; William T. Williams, a local preacher of Glenmore Circuit; John M. Campbell, a local preacher of Nelson Circuit; John W. Carroll, a local preacher of Appomattox Circuit; Chas. W. Cain, a local preacher of Clarksville Station; Wilbur F. Tillett, a local preacher of Main-street Station, Danville; Wm. E. Grant, a local preacher of Northampton Circuit; Walter W. Sawyer, a local preacher of Hertford and Edenton Circuits; Arthur C. Jordan, a local preacher of Norfolk Circuit; and Joseph T. Routten, a local preacher of Conquest and Guildford Circuits were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges as suitable persons to be received into the travelling connection on trial; passed in examination of character, and were severally admitted accordingly.

On motion, Jacob H. Proctor was appointed to serve on the Committee on Education in place of John D. Blackwell.

Albert C. Berryman, an elder of the Methodist Protestant Church, Maryland Conference, duly accredited, applied for admission into this Conference, passed in examination of character, and having declared in the presence of the Conference his agreement with us in doctrine and discipline, and taken upon himself our ordination vows, and the Conference being satisfied of his

gifts, grace and usefulness, was admitted accordingly as a member of this Conference.

The Directors of the Preachers' Relief Society made the annual report of the operations of said Society, which was read and approved, and, on motion, the following persons were elected Directors of the Society for the ensuing year: Revs. R. N. Sledd, F. M. Edwards and J. Carson Watson, of the Virginia Conference; W. T. McMullan, of Hertford, N. C.; H. T. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va.; Joseph E. Broadwater, of Temperanceville, Va.; C. V. Winfree, of Lynchburg, Va., and J. H. Dawson, of Norfolk, Va. [See Reports.]

Leave of absence was, on motion, granted to Micajah Davis, Charles E. Watts, Milton L. Bishop, James O. Moss, J. E. Deshazo and Wm. A. Crocker.

John B. Laurens made report of the money raised by the "Rosebud Society" of children in this Conference for missions, which was received and referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

The committee in the case of F. C. Woodward, through W. W. Bennett, chairman, made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the complaint against F. C. Woodward, that he preached doctrines contrary to our standards, had a free and pleasant interview with his Presiding Elder, Rev. W. H. Christian, and with Brother Woodward, who showed a commendable spirit of frankness and of desire for the good of the Church. We have not such definite and full information as to make it judicious to arraign Brother Woodward for preaching false doctrine, nevertheless, we express our conviction that he cannot preach his views on prayer and other topics without creating injury and disturbance, and without the ultimate necessity of a trial.

(Signed)

W. W. BENNETT,
J. C. GRANBERY.

Upon the reading of the report, and pending its consideration, F. C. Woodward tendered his credentials of ordination, proposing to withdraw from the Conference.

After further discussion, on motion of L. M. Lee,

Resolved, That the report of the committee be laid upon the table, and the proposal of F. C. Woodward to withdraw and surrender his credentials be accepted.

And then the Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 22, 1880.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by John W. Howard.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was, on motion, granted to Jacob B. Askew.

On motion of E. M. Peterson, it was ordered that James R. Waggener be placed on the superannuated list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 18.

Minute Question 20 was resumed, and the following elders passed in examination of character: John B. Dey, Robert A. Armistead, John G. Rowe, M. S. Colonna, Benjamin C. Spiller, R. N. Crooks, E. N. S. Blogg, Wm. A. Laughon, Paul Bradley, W. A. Crocker, James F. Brannin, R. B. Beadles, W. W. Bennett, D. G. C. Butts, Leonidas Rosser, Wm. E. Edwards, Joseph A. Proctor, James L. Spencer, C. C. Wertenbaker, W. W. Royall, John W. Hilldrup, Charles H. Green, R. J. Moorman, W. J. Twilley, J. D. Hank, John L. Clarke, George H. Ray.

It appearing that Paul Bradley did not prepare for the examination on "Church History," required by order of the last Conference, being hindered by the diseased condition of his eyes, it was ordered that he stand examination on that subject at the next Conference.

On motion of Geo. H. Ray, it was ordered that Charles H. Green be placed on the superannuated list, and that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 18.

In answer to Minute Questions 9, 11, 13 and 15, Bishop Keener reported the following ordinations made by him on yesterday in this city:

At Main-street Church, after morning service, the following deacons:

Travelling Preachers.—Theodore O. Edwards, James Austin, Jacob N. Rosser, James W. Stiff, Richard O. Payne, William T. Green.

Local Preachers.—William T. Williams, Albert A. Jones, Walter W. Sawyer, Wilbur F. Davis and Jacob B. Askew.

At Lynn-street Church, after evening service, the following elders:

Travelling Preachers.—Richard M. Chandler, Jos. T. Mastin, John M. Burton, Nathan B. Foushee, William Henry Edwards, Willie O. Waggener, Spottswood H. Johnson, Wm. E. Evans, Nathaniel D. Pruden, Charles D. Crawley, Bernard F. Lipscomb, Wm. R. Smithey.

Local Preacher.—Joseph P. H. Crismond.

Minute Question 7, "Who are the deacons of one year?" was taken up, and Edward G. Chandler, John O. Moss, William H. Riddick, Thomas McN. Simpson, Thomas P. Duke, Richard B. Scott, George W. Wray, A. B. Warwick, R. B. Blankenship, A. J. Bradshaw, R. H. Younger, John C. Rosser and Junius B. Deberry passed in examination of character, and were severally continued as deacons of one year.

And it was ordered that George W. Wray be required to pass an approved examination at the next Conference on all the studies of the third year; and R. B. Blankenship on the subjects of "Edgar's Variations and Mental Philosophy."

Minute Question 2, "Who remain on trial?" was resumed, and Randolph F. Gayle and John S. Wallace, who were received on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and having passed an approved examination on the studies of the first year, were severally continued on trial.

The "order of the day" having arrived, after singing and prayer (offered by William B. Rowzie), the Committee on Memoirs reported memoirs of John Bayley (read by A. C. Bledsoe), and James Jamieson (read by P. A. Peterson). The reading of the memoirs was accompanied by remarks concerning the life and character of our deceased brethren. After which, on motion, the report was adopted, and ordered to be published in the General Minutes, and that the names of John Bayley and James Jamieson be returned in answer to Minute Question 19, "What preachers have died during the past year?" [See Reports.]

On motion, leave of absence after to-day was granted to B. F. Woodward, Wesley C. Vaden, John H. Kabler, William G. Williams, B. F. Tennille, Wm. Grant and James O. Shepherd.

And then the Conference adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 23, 1880.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Keener in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by E. M. Peterson.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Under Minute Question 20, Hezekiah P. Mitchell passed in examination of character.

Thomas Branch offered the following resolution :

Resolved, "As Dr. L. M. Lee is incapacitated by physical infirmity for the efficient discharge of the duties of an itinerant minister, and as he is really a superannuated man according to the meaning of our law, that he be placed on the superannuated list of this Conference."

Which was, after full discussion, rejected.

Thomas Branch then moved that L. M. Lee be placed on the supernumerary list, which motion was lost.

And then, on motion of A. G. Brown,

Resolved, That we assure our venerable brother, the Rev. Leroy M. Lee, D. D., of the unabated sympathy and affection which we have long cherished for him, and pray that the grace of God may abundantly sustain and comfort him under the severe toils and afflictions of life.

On motion, leave of absence after to-day was granted to Jas. E. McSparran and J. W. S. Robins.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance made Report No. 1 of appropriations to the claimants on the fund, which was approved. [See Reports.]

A. G. Brown, from the same Board, reported the following resolution for the adoption of the Conference :

Resolved, That when a *pro rata* distribution of the funds raised for the support of the ministry becomes necessary, it shall be done upon the basis of salary, including parsonage rent.

Which was adopted.

F. M. Edwards, from the Committee on the State of the Church with respect to Discipline, made a report, which, with some verbal amendments, was adopted. [See Reports.]

On motion of John E. Edwards :

Resolved, That when this Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at 3 o'clock P. M.

And then the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment. John C. Granbery (by appointment of the Bishop) in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Wm. J. Norfleet.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

John T. Moore, from the Committee on Sunday Schools, made a report, which was read, considered item by item, and adopted. [See Reports.]

William McGee, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read and adopted. [See Reports.]

John E. Edwards, from the Committee on the Bible Cause, made a report, which was read and adopted. [See Reports.]

And on motion, Dr. John E. Edwards was appointed to receive and pay over to the Virginia Bible Society any moneys collected for the Society by preachers of this Conference.

On motion, the Conference took from the table the following preamble and resolutions offered on Friday last by W. W. Bennett, J. B. Dey and J. D. Blackwell, which, after some discussion, was adopted as a whole, under operation of the previous question, moved by John E. Edwards, and carried.

Whereas, the work of Methodism for above a hundred years, fully attests its value as one of the branches of the Church of Christ on earth; and whereas, we believe that no changes can ever occur in the social, intellectual or moral condition of mankind to demand a departure from the essential doctrines and features of the system; and whereas, there exists in the minds of many of our own people a fear lest Methodism should drift from its anchorage in the great principles held and practiced by our fathers, lose its efficiency, and fail in its work by gradual departure from the premises on which it has achieved its grand results; and whereas, the Virginia, one of the original Conferences in America, is convinced that the success of our Church has been due to a clear apprehension of the value of the following leading principles of the system, and a steady adherence to them—to-wit:

1. A ministry experimentally religious, thoroughly sound in Christian doctrine and entirely consecrated to the work of preaching the Gospel on the Methodist plan.

2. A membership soundly converted, carefully trained in the doctrines and duties of religion, and completely separated from the world in spirit and practice.

3. An itinerant system of supplying the people with the Word of Life, wisely, firmly and impartially administered in all its departments, so as to secure to every field the preacher best suited in all respects to cultivate and develop it as a part of the Lord's vineyard; therefore,

Resolved, That we feel bound by our sacred obligations to the great Head of the Church, who has called us out of darkness into light, and counted us worthy, putting us into the ministry, to use our utmost efforts to ground Methodist people deeply in the doctrines held by our Church, and to urge them to a complete separation in spirit and practice from the world, and to a constant and careful cultivation of family and social religion.

2. *Resolved*, That we recognize the wisdom of the principles on which our itinerancy is based—to-wit, the surrender of natural rights both on the part of the ministry and the laity, of the former to choose their charges, and of the latter to choose their pastors, and the reference of this extremely delicate matter to the General Superintendents of the Church, to be decided by them in the fear of God and according to the best lights before them, without improper interference either on the part of preacher or people; that this plan, distributing as it does the varied talents of the whole body of travelling preachers to every part of the entire work, and recognizing no class as entitled to special places or special favors, and never leaving a church without a pastor, has in it excellences and advantages fully attested by the unprecedented success of Methodism in every part of the world, and has so positively commended itself to the best minds in other Churches that they are seeking by evangelism to engraft it upon the congregational system; that we feel that any departure from this time-honored and heaven-approved plan, would be the opening of our system to an antagonistic principle which would in a shorter time than we may suppose result in the obliteration of one of the marked features of Methodism, and necessitate what would be probably a fatal change.

3. *Resolved*, That we fully recognize the wisdom of the fathers of our Church as shown in the method of administering the itinerant system, and feel assured that a wise, firm and impartial distribution of the ministerial talent of the Church, under this system, keeping in view the size and demand of the families of the preachers for a fair support and for educational facilities for their children, though it may work in some cases hardships, self-sacrifice, and even suffering, will receive the cordial approval of all who, in the true spirit of Methodist preachers, have given themselves to this work; for no such system can be successful without serious personal inconveniences; but these are nothing when compared with the general benefits secured to preachers and people.

4. *Resolved*, That we are convinced that the office of Presiding Elder is of great value to our Church, and we have not been able to see what substitute for it can be introduced into our system which would equally well meet the demands of our work; that in full accord with the teachings of McKendree, Soule, and other illustrious Methodist leaders, we look upon the Presiding Elders as sub-bishops, representing in their districts the General Superintendents, who are charged with the careful and faithful administration of all matters essential to the success of Methodism in every part of our work; and in this view of the case, we feel that this most valuable office demands the very best talent that our ministry can furnish, men in all respects qualified to take charge of our Districts and to oversee personally and conduct to complete success, all the work of the Church committed to their care.

5. *Resolved*, That we will earnestly strive to awaken all our people to the work of the Church in every department, especially the great work of missions, of education, and the circulation of a sound religious literature, and thus secure the elevation of our people to a higher plane of spiritual life, and bring each one of them to a life-long effort in the work of "spreading scriptural holiness over these lands"; thus retaining for our cherished Methodism, to the latest generation, that high title conferred by the great Chalmers—"Christianity in earnest."

W. W. BENNETT,
J. B. DEY,
J. D. BLACKWELL.

R. N. Sledd, on behalf of the Preachers' Relief Society, reported, for the information of the Conference, the appropriations made of its funds for the present Conference.

In answer to Minute Questions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, the statistics of Conference were reported as follows:

No. of local preachers.....	173
Members (white).....	56,922
" (colored).....	146
Infants baptized.....	1,394
Adults.....	1,924
No. of Sunday Schools.....	662
No. of Sunday School teachers.....	6,951
" " scholars.....	39,705

In answer to Minute Question 30, "Where shall the next session of our Conference be held?" Richmond, Va., and Charlottesville, Va., were placed in nomination, and the vote being taken, Charlottesville was selected as the place in which to hold our next session.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, reported the following for the adoption of the Conference :

Whereas, in the election of stewards, as provided for in the Discipline, ch. III, sec. 15, pages 112-16, inclusive, the preacher in charge has the right of nomination, subject to the confirmation or rejection of the Quarterly Conference ; and whereas, the election thus provided for should be so conducted as to secure uniformity of administration in this matter, and to prevent, as far as possible, the choice of unsuitable men to this important office ; therefore,

Resolved, That the nominations should be made by the preacher in charge, and put to the vote of the Quarterly Conference one at a time—never collectively.

Resolved, That the vote should be taken in the absence of the nominee, after his case shall have been duly represented.

On motion, this paper was referred back to the Joint Board for reconsideration of its action in the matter.

On motion of J. E. Edwards,

Resolved, That when Conference shall adjourn, it adjourn to meet again at 7½ o'clock P. M.

And then the Conference adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Conference met according to adjournment. John C. Granbery in the chair.

Divine service was conducted by Thomas H. Boggs.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

R. N. Sledd, from the Committee on Education, made a report, which was read and discussed, pending which, on motion of J. H. Amiss, it was amended by the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That we have learned with high gratification that there is a reasonable prospect of the re-opening of the Wesleyan Female College at Murfreesboro, N. C., before the next session of our Conference. If, therefore, this expectation should be realized, we hereby most heartily recommend that Institution to the patronage of our people.

And then the report was adopted. [See Reports.]

The Joint Board of Finance reported the following answers to Minute Questions 27 and 28 :

To Minute Question 27, "What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers?"

Answer—\$6,170.

To Minute Question 28, "What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?"

Answer—Amount collected, \$6,170. Applied: 1st. To superannuated preachers, \$2,565. 2d. To widows and orphans of preachers, \$3,605.

On motion of John E. Edwards, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be and they are hereby tendered to the good people of Danville and North Danville, for their generous and hospitable entertainment of the members of the Conference during our present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are hereby returned to the pastors and congregations of the several denominations of Christians in the city for the courteous invitation extended to us to occupy their pulpits at the usual hours for public worship on Sunday.

Resolved, That our thanks are returned to the Secretary of the Conference, and to his several assistants, for the patient, faithful, and courteous manner in which they have performed their duties.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the several railroads and other public conveyances, for any abatement made in their usual charges for the accommodation of our members coming to and returning from the seat of the Conference.

A. G. Brown, from the Committee appointed at the last Conference to report on the subject of the proper date of the beginning of the sessions of the Virginia Conference, made report of the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted :

Whereas, we believe that the sessions of our Conference should be numbered from its first meeting after the organization of the M. E. Church by the Christmas Conference of 1784; and whereas, its first session thereafter was duly appointed and held by Bishops Coke and Asbury, at the house of Mr. Mason, Brunswick County, Va., May, 1785; and whereas, from that day to this, a session thereof has been held in regular succession, year after year, within the geographical limits assigned to it by the General Conference of 1796, except as to the years 1791 and 1841, when changes in the time for the meeting of Conference made it necessary to hold two sessions in each of these calendar years; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be and he is hereby instructed to conform the Conference Journal to these historical facts, numbering this as the Ninety-eighth Session of the Virginia Annual Conference M. E. Church, South.

On motion of John E. Edwards,

Resolved, That we duly appreciate the usual courtesy of the press of this city in the daily reports of our proceedings, which have been made with promptness and with manifest respect for the body.

P. A. Peterson, John D. Southall, J. E. Edwards, and A. G. Brown offered the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas, it is deemed expedient to divide the Virginia Conference territory, so as to make two Conferences; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three clerical and two lay members of this Conference be appointed to consider this matter, and report to the next Conference a plan for said division

J. J. Lafferty moved to lay the matter on the table; which motion was lost; and the preamble and resolution were then adopted.

Bishop Keener in the chair.

In answer to Minute Question 29, the following amounts for missions were reported:

For Domestic Missions.....	\$4,409 62
For Foreign "	7,419 69
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	\$11,829 31

In answer to Minute Question 6, "Who are received by transfers from other Conferences?" Bishop Keener reported the transfer of John Hannon from Louisiana Conference to this Conference.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, reported assessments (to the several districts), of the Conference collections for next year. (See Reports.)

The President of Conference announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year:

Alex. G. Brown, S. D. Turner, James O. Moss, C. V. Winfree, R. W. Watts, Edwin B. Brown, John D. Southall, John R. Pace, James W. Blincoe, Thomas M. Leitch, Jacob H. Proctor, L. L. Marks, Joseph H. Amiss, Wilbur J. Kilby, Thomas H. Campbell, George M. Bain, Jr., Wm. E. Evans, Littleton Cockerell, Oscar Littleton, L. D. Travers.

Also, to compose the Conference Board of Missions for the ensuing year:

Wm. E. Judkins, Garrett Anderson, John D. Blackwell, T. B. Hamlin, F. M. Edwards, T. B. M. Perkins, Joshua S. Hunter, Richard Pollard, John W. Tucker, H. D. Guerrant, J. D. Hank, P. B. Crowder, E. M. Peterson, H. Clay Williams, Adam C. Bledsoe, George L. Neville, W. A. Crocker, Richard Irby, Jas. C. Watson, James Cannon.

A. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a final report, which was, on motion of L. Rosser, amended by an appropriation of \$50 to W. A. Robinson, and the funds distributed. (See Report.)

A. C. Bledsoe, from the Conference Board of Missions, reported the appropriations to Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Conference for the next year. (See Report.)

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, since the last session of our Conference, one of our number, Rev. W. W. Royall, has been accepted by the parent Board of Missions as a missionary to China, and is at this time on his journey to that distant land; therefore,

Resolved, That we profoundly sympathize with the spirit of devotion to the spiritual welfare of the heathen evinced by Brother Royall; and that we will follow him with our prayers for the blessing of God upon his labors, and for the protection and preservation of himself and family.

On motion, James W. Compton was placed on the supernumerary list, and it was ordered that his name be returned in answer to Minute Question 17.

W. W. Bennett tendered his resignation as one of the trustees of the Hall Fund; and George C. Vanderslice was appointed in his stead.

A. G. Brown reported \$72.61 in his hands from the annual proceeds of the Hall Fund; and it was ordered that he pay the same to the Joint Board of Finance.

On motion of W. E. Judkins, it was ordered that Rev. A. G. Brown be authorized to publish the same number of copies of the minutes of the present session, and on the same terms, as were ordered last year.

The chair announced the following as the committee under the resolution respecting the division of the Conference.

W. W. Bennett, John E. Edwards, A. G. Brown, Richard Irby, and W. T. Chandler.

On motion, P. A. Peterson was added to the committee.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, R. J. Moorman was substituted for F. C. Woodward on the Committee of Examination of Candidates for Admission.

On motion of W. W. Bennett and Jacob Manning, the following resolution was adopted by a rising and unanimous vote.

Resolved, That we appreciate as a Conference the visit of Bishop Keener to our present session, and the kind and prompt manner in which he has conducted the business of the body; and we shall follow him with our prayers and sympathies in all his arduous work for the Church.

P. A. Peterson, from the Committee of Public Worship, reported the appointment of W. E. Edwards to preach the opening sermon at next Conference, with J. F. Twitty, alternate; and of

F. M. Edwards to preach the sermon at the Ordination of Elders, with George H. Ray as his alternate.

On motion of J. E. Edwards,

Resolved, That as a Conference we hereby tender to the bereaved widow and children of Bishop D. S. Doggett, our sincerest condolence in the deep affliction through which they are called to pass in consequence of the death of the husband and father.

The minutes of this evening's session were read and approved.

The Bishop then announced, in answer to Minute Question 31, the appointments of the preachers for the ensuing year. (See Appointments.)

And then the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

JOHN C. KEENER, *President*.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, *Secretary*.

Middlesex.
King & Queen.
King William.
Essex.
Hanover.
Ashland.

III.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1880--81.

	Years.
I. RICHMOND DISTRICT.....	R. N. SLEDD, P. E., 1
1. Trinity, Richmond.....	J. W. Bledsoe, 1
2. Broad Street, "	Wm. G. Starr, 3
3. Centenary, "	P. A. Peterson, 1
4. Park Place, "	John Hannon, 1
5. Clay Street, "	A. G. Brown, 4
6. Laurel Street, "	W. P. Wright, 2
7. Union, "	W. C. Vaden, 2
8. Nicholson St., "	To be supplied.
9. Manchester and Fifth Street.....	B. F. Woodward, 2
10. Henrico.....	J. F. Brannin, 1
11. Charles City.....	J. C. Rosser, 1
12. New Kent.....	J. W. Connelly, 2
13. West "	Supplied by R. H. Mullen, 1
14. Williamsburg.....	P. F. August, 2
15. Jamestown.....	To be supplied, 1
16. Gloucester.....	George E. Booker and S. L. Thrift, 4
17. Matthews.....	Geo. C. Vanderslice, 2
18. West Matthews.....	T. O. Edwards, 2
Editor Richmond Christian Advocate.....	J. J. Lafferty.
Professor in Vanderbilt University.....	J. C. Granbery.
II. CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT...	J. M. ANDERSON, P. E., 2
19. Charlottesville.....	J. C. Martin, T. A. Ware, 1
20. Albemarle.....	F. M. Edwards, 4
21. Louisa.....	E. H. Pritchett, 3
22. Scottsville	G. M. Wright, 2
23. Fluvanna	G. W. Wray, 1
24. Milton.....	W. A. Tompkins, 1
25. Batesville	R. W. Watts, 1
26. Gordonsville and Orange.....	H. M. Hope, 4
27. Orange Circuit	E. G. Chandler, W. H. Camper, sup'y, 1
28. Culpeper	J. M. Burton, 3
29. Culpeper Circuit.....	J. W. Carroll, 1

Caroline
Bowling Green
West Hanover
Goodland
*East Louisa Mission*²³

30. Rappahannock.....J. H. Crown, 3
31. Woodville.....J. N. Rosser, 1
32. Madison.....W. E. Payne, 1
33. Greene.....R. Fergusson, L. S. Reed, 1
34. Piedmont Mission.....G. W. Bailey, 1

III. LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.....D. P. WILLS, P. E., 3

35. Centenary.....✓.....J. S. Hunter, 3
36. Court Street. ✓.....W. E. Edwards, T. H. Early, sup'y, 1
37. Madison.....✓.....A. C. Berryman, 1
38. Amherst.....✓.....John T. Moore, 3
39. West Amherst. ✓.....W. F. Robbins, 4
40. Mount Pleasant. ✓.....John H. Kabler, 4
41. Bedford.....✓.....J. L. Spencer, 1
42. Southeast Bedford ✓.....R. B. Scott, 1
43. West Bedford.....✓.....John O. Moss, J. W. Compton, sup'y, 1
44. Middle Bedford.....✓.....R. H. Younger, 2
45. North Bedford.....✓.....Supplied by J. G. Lennon, 1
46. Liberty.....✓.....J. B. Dey, 1
47. Bedford Springs.....✓.....C. E. Watts, 2
48. Nelson.....✓.....W. H. Gregory, 3
49. Appomattox.....✓.....T. J. Taylor, 4
50. Campbell.....✓.....J. O. Moss, 3
51. South Campbell.....✓.....N. B. Foushee, 4
52. ~~Prospect~~.....H. C. Cheatham, 3
53. Bedford Mission.....✓.....M. L. Bishop, 2
54. ~~Glenmore~~ ".....To be supplied,

Batesville
Fluvanna

IV. DANVILLE DISTRICT.....OSCAR LITTLETON, P. E., 1

55. Main Street, Danville.....S. S. Lambeth, 1
56. Lynn Street, ".....W. F. Tillett, 1
57. North Danville.....J. H. Patteson, 2
58. Charlotte.....N. J. Pruden, E. A. Gibbs, 1
59. West Charlotte.....J. S. Wallace, 2
60. South Boston.....J. W. Crider, 3
61. South of Dan.....B. S. Herring, 3
62. Chatham.....R. B. Blankenship, 2
63. Pittsylvania.....J. D. Southall, 3
64. North Pittsylvania.....T. P. Duke, 1
65. Northwest Pittsylvania.....Supplied by J. G. Bailey, 1
66. Franklin.....J. P. Woodward, 1
67. West Franklin.....Supplied by W. R. Crowder, 1
68. East Franklin.....D. J. Traynham, 1
69. Henry.....J. W. Tucker, 3

70. Patrick W. T. Greene, H. C. Bowles, sup'y, 1
 71. South Patrick Charles E. Wren, 1
 72. Halifax J. E. Gates, 3
 73. East Halifax R. F. Gayle, 2

V. FARMVILLE DISTRICT F. J. BOGGS, P. E., 1

74. Farmville Leonidas Rosser, 1
 75. Prince Edward W. B. Rowzie, J. S. R. Clarke, sup'y, 1
 76. Burkeville J. W. Stiff, 2
 77. Lunenburg T. M. Beckham, 3
 78. West Lunenburg W. R. Smithey, 1
 79. Boynton J. L. Clarke, 1
 80. Boynton Circuit J. D. Lumsden, 1
 81. Clarksville C. W. Cain, 1
 82. Mecklenburg W. O. Waggener, 1
 83. North Mecklenburg J. H. Maynard, 1
 84. Brunswick J. M. Saunders, 4
 85. West Brunswick J. T. Lumpkin, 3
 86. South Brunswick John N. Jones, 1
 87. Nottoway J. D. Hank, 1
 88. Amelia W. G. Lumpkin, 1
 89. Cumberland J. W. Blincoe, 1
 90. Cartersville C. D. Crawley, 3
 91. Buckingham J. W. Howard, 4
 President Farmville College Paul Whitehead.

Prospect
Glenmore Mission
 VI. PETERSBURG DISTRICT E. P. WILSON, P. E., 4

92. Washington Street, Petersburg J. D. Blackwell, 2
 93. Market Street, " John E. Edwards, 1
 94. High Street, " J. C. Reid, 1
 95. Wesley Chapel, " R. M. Chandler, 2
 96. Blandford, " Jos. Lear, 2
 97. Ettricks J. R. Sturgis, 3
 98. Chesterfield W. G. Williams, 2
 99. Matoaca W. H. Riddick, 3
 100. Dinwiddie D. M. Wallace, 1
 101. West Dinwiddie W. W. Lear, 1
 102. Sussex C. H. Boggs, 2
 103. North Sussex J. H. Proctor, J. A. Riddick, sup'y, 1
 104. Hicksford W. H. Atwell, L. A. Guy, sup'y, 1
 105. Prince George A. B. Warwick, 1
 106. Surry W. E. Grant, 1
 107. Wakefield J. T. Mastin, 2
 108. Coalfield R. O. Payne, 1
 109. Clover Hill J. B. Askew, 1

VII. MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.....W. H. CHRISTIAN, P. E., 2

110. Murfreesboro.....Wm. McGee, 1
 111. Northampton.....C. E. Hobday, 1
 112. Meherrin.....B. F. Tennille, 4
 113. Bertie.....J. E. McSparran, 2
 114. Hertford.....T. H. Boggs, 1
 115. Edenton.....W. G. Bates, 1
 116. Pasquotank.....E. N. S. Blogg, 1
 117. Elizabeth City.....R. A. Compton, 1
 118. Suffolk.....E. M. Peterson, 1
 119. Gates.....J. H. Amiss, 1
 120. Southampton.....J. Q. Rhodes, 1
 121. North Southampton.....T. L. Williams, 4
 122. Chuckatuck.....W. P. Jordan, 2
 123. Camden.....A. M. Hall, 2
 124. Dare.....A. J. Bradshaw, 1
 125. Hertford Mission.....Supplied by Wm. Grant, 1
 126. Harrellsville.....Thomas P. Wise, 1

*Smithfield + Beams
Isle of Wight*

VIII. NORFOLK DISTRICT.....J. A. PROCTOR, P. E., 2

127. Cumberland Street, Norfolk.....J. H. Riddick, 2
 128. Granby Street, ".....A. C. Bledsoe, 1
 129. Queen Street, ".....J. F. Twitty, W. J. Norfleet, 1
 130. Berkeley.....T. McN. Simpson, 4
 131. Monumental, Portsmouth.....W. E. Judkins, 1
 132. Central, ".....H. P. Mitchell, 3
 133. Second Street, ".....J. B. Merritt, 3
 134. Norfolk Circuit.....E. M. Jordan, 4
 135. East Norfolk.....T. J. Bayton, 2
 136. South Norfolk.....J. J. Edwards, 1
 137. Princess Anne.....T. H. Campbell, 2
 138. Currituck.....J. B. De Berry, 3
 139. Hampton.....*Matthews* R. J. Moorman, 1
 140. York.....*West Matthews* J. H. Dalby, 2
 141. ~~Smithfield and Beams~~ *Williamburg* Jacob Manning, 3
 142. ~~Isle of Wight~~ J. E. Deshazo, 1
 President Norfolk College for Young Ladies....R. M. Saunders.
 143. Fox Hill.....To be supplied.

Warwick Mission

IX. RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.....J. P. GARLAND, P. E., 1

144. Ashland.....L. M. Lee, 1
 145. Spottsylvania.....R. A. Armistead, 2
 146. Caroline.....J. G. Rowe, 4
 147. Bowling Green.....W. E. Evans, 2

148.	Middlesex.....	M. S. Colonna, 4
149.	King and Queen.....	B. C. Spiller, 2
150.	King William.....	W. T. Williams, 1
151.	Essex.....	John M. Campbell, 1
152.	Hanover.....	R. N. Crooks, 2
153.	West Hanover.....	W. E. Allen, 1
154.	Goochland.....	W. A. Laughon, 2
155.	West Goochland.....	S. H. Johnson, 2
156.	King George.....	D. G. C. Butts, 4
157.	Montross.....	Paul Bradley, 2
158.	Westmoreland.....	W. A. Crocker, 2
159.	Heathville.....	A. Wiles, 1
160.	Bethany Station.....	W. W. Sawyer, 1
161.	Lancaster.....	H. T. Bacon, 1
162.	East Louisa Mission	To be supplied,
	President Randolph Macon College.....	W. W. Bennett.

X. EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.....GEO. H. RAY, P. E., 3

163.	Eastville.....	J. W. Hildrup, 1
164.	Bellhaven.....	W. J. Twilley, 1
165.	Pongoteague.....	C. C. Wertenbaker, 4
166.	Onancock.....	J. C. Wattson, 3
167.	Atlantic.....	R. B. Beadles, 1
168.	Wicomico.....	J. W. S. Robbins, 1
169.	Salisbury.....	B. F. Lipscomb, 1
170.	Berlin.....	J. T. Routten, 1
171.	Dorchester.....	W. F. Baine, 1
172.	South Dorchester	A. C. Jordan, 1
173.	Cambridge.....	W. H. Edwards, 1
174.	Accomac.....	L. B. Betty, 1
175.	Hooper's Island.....	Supplied by Henry Hunt, 1

W. W. Royall, missionary to China.

Transferred—James Austin, to Columbia Conference; and G. H. Zimmerman, to German Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

Benjamin T. Ames, Robert A. Gregory, Robert Michaels, William A. Robinson, Benjamin M. Williams, William Carter, James McAden, Samuel T. Moorman, Jacob Shough, Hartwell H. Gary, John C. Garlick, John McClelland, George W. Nolley, James L. Fisher, John B. Laurens, Fielding A. Davis, Thomas Diggs, James R. Waggener, and Charles H. Green.

IV.

Memoirs.

Rev. JOHN BAYLEY.

BY A. C. BLEDSOE.

Rev. John Bayley was born in the ancient borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, England, on the 13th day of March, 1814, and died in the city of Lynchburg, Va., on the 25th day of February, 1880, in the 66th year of his age. He was given to God in baptism at six days old by a pious mother, a member of the Church of England. She died when he was in his fourth year, and he was left to the care of an infidel father, whose teachings and influence were calculated to poison the mind and heart of the son. He, however, says in his "Confessions of a Converted Infidel:" "It does not appear to me that I became an infidel because my father was one. I had suffered too much from his course to be under a temptation to imitate it. It was the plausible manner in which infidel objections to the truth of Christianity were presented in different books that fell into my hands, combined with the natural opposition of the human heart to the truth of revelation, that lead me first to question, and then to deny the divine authority of the Holy Bible."

From his earliest boyhood he seemed to have a decided disposition to meditate upon religious subjects, and this led him to grapple with questions about life, death, immortality, God, Heaven, and Hell. Unfortunately, many infidel works on these subjects fell into his hands, and were read and digested with avidity. But being exceedingly fond of books, all his reading was not of this character. He read "Paradise Lost," "Payley's Evidences," "Watson's Apology for the Bible," "Young's Night Thoughts," and many others of this class, at comparatively an early age.

Being without money, with but few friends, with but little education, and having a delicate physical constitution, he was under the necessity, while yet only a boy, of earning his bread by his own labors. To do this he learned the trade of a printer. Thus he was thrown out when very young, afloat upon a wide sea, without apparent strength or help to make a far-off shore. "What a mercy," he says, "that my frail little barque did not go down under the shock of some ruthless wave!" He was, however, strictly moral, attended church with great regularity,

and understood the Christian faith as taught by the Church of England. For lack of sympathy, he was quiet and reserved, yearning for affection, and tenderly loved those who were kind to him, and in whom he saw virtue and true principles exemplified; always decided against wrong and defending the right.

He was a great admirer of nature, loved to ramble and meditate alone, loved birds and flowers and all things beautiful. He was a constant student, wrote verses early in youth; which he continued to do more or less all his life.

He was proficient in his trade, and exceedingly conscientious in all his work and business transactions.

At the age of twenty-two, in the year 1836, he emigrated to this country, to see the workings of infidelity in the United States of America, and to improve his health. After a safe and pleasant voyage, he reached New York city, and in a short time found employment as a compositor in the great printing office of Messrs. Harper & Brothers, the celebrated publishers of that city. Here, instead of going to the house of God and seeking the company of the good, he rambled about the city and its suburbs on Sabbath days, and went to Tammany Hall and listened to infidel lecturers, who declaimed against the Bible and the religion of Jesus.

In a short while he became weary of New York and went to Baltimore, and thence to the city of Washington. Here he resided about six months, becoming all the time bolder and more decided in his infidelity. Soon after this he came to Virginia. It was while visiting a Christian family, living on the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge mountains of this State, that he was present for the first time in his life during the holding of family worship. The father of the family was from home, and the mother of the family led in prayer; and the earnest prayers of this godly woman moved his heart and made a lasting impression upon his mind in favor of the Christian religion. From this section he was led in a few months to Farmville, in Prince Edward county, Va. Here he found a series of revival meetings in progress, conducted by the Rev. John Wesley Childs. He attended this meeting, became very much interested, and was finally brought to a state of deep conviction, but did not yield entirely at that time. The meeting closed for a short time, but in a few weeks the minister returned and preached again. He was present, was still more deeply convicted, became an earnest penitent, and was soon converted to God. Thus, he who had so long despised His grace, was at last brought to Christ and adopted into the family of God. Under the influence and persuasion of the now sainted Childs, he very soon went into the regular ministry; at once set up a high standard of piety, and spent the remainder of his life in telling perishing sinners the "Story of the Cross," and in magnifying that grace which had rescued him. In 1839 he traveled the Amherst Circuit, under the Presiding Elder; and in 1840 joined the Virginia Annual Conference on trial, and was sent to the Campbell Circuit. In 1841 he was sent to Sussex, and 1842 to Edenton, N. C. This was a very successful year, but his health was undermined and he came

near dying of bilious fever. In 1843 he was sent to the Scottsville Circuit, and 1844 to the New Kent Circuit. But during both these years his work was hindered and he was much depressed by ill health from the effects of chills and fever. At the next session of the Conference, in 1845, he obtained leave of absence for one year, to visit his friends in England. He longed to tell them of what God had done for him, and to testify to the power of His grace in his own conversion, and in what he had seen of the great work of the gospel in the United States. He came back in time for the next session of the Conference, refreshed and encouraged in spirit and in body for his work, and was stationed in Hampton, Va., two years. These were very successful years in his work. In 1848-9 he served Randolph Macon Circuit, but his health was not good; 1851-2-3 in the City of Richmond—two years at Wesley Chapel, and one at Union Station. At the close of 1853 he married Miss Lizzie Lee Robins, daughter of Dr. Joseph Robins, originally of Gloucester county, Va., a lady of culture, refinement, and decided Christian character and influence, peculiarly fitted for the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher. This noble Christian woman was a helpmeet indeed to him in all his arduous toils, helping him and cheering him in his work for the salvation of souls. She still survives her lamented husband, and has devoted herself, with energy and success, to the completion of his unfinished work in Madison Mission.

In 1854 he had a proposition to go to California to edit a paper, and was left without an appointment for that year, but afterwards concluded to remain in Virginia, and supplied for that year the work on Charles City Circuit. In 1855 he labored on the Smithfield Circuit; in 1856-7 on the King and Queen Circuit. These were two years of glorious success, great revivals; whole families were brought into the Church. Its results are seen to this day. In 1858 he was on the Amelia Circuit, and in 1859 in Murfreesboro, N. C. In 1860, his health having again become feeble, he was granted leave of absence for a year for the purpose of again visiting his friends in England. In the spring of that year he and his wife sailed from New York for Europe. After remaining with his friends for sometime in his native land, he determined to return to his work in the Virginia Conference again. His trunks were packed, and they were ready to sail, when the news came of the outbreak of hostilities between the North and the South in the United States—the attack on Fort Sumter, riots in the North, &c. All his friends advised him to remain. He did so, and waited from month to month, and year to year. Friends here wrote, "If you are making bread and meat, stay where you are." At the close of the war, in 1865, his wife's health had become so bad that he could not then return. Finally, in the fall of 1869, he returned in time to meet the Conference held in Richmond, Va., and was sent to the Scottsville Circuit, where he labored with success, under many disadvantages, for three years. In 1873-4-5-6 he was in charge of Etrick, Petersburg. Here he labored faithfully with great success, and the church was much strengthened and built up under his

ministry. It was while on this charge that he was called to pass through sore trials and sad bereavements. Two lovely little girls, the charm and light of the home, were called away, and their bodies laid away to sleep the sleep of death in Blandford Cemetery. But through all this deep affliction he came out purified, nearer the cross, resigned and still ripening for heaven. In 1877-8-9-80 he was in charge of Madison Mission, Lynchburg. At the time of his death he had entered upon the fourth year as pastor of this work. We think it can be truly said, that these were the most successful and happy years of his entire ministerial life. When he first went to this work, he was much discouraged—yea, almost ready to give up in despair. But he went to work in earnest, trusting in God, overcoming all difficulties; preaching, praying, visiting from house to house, and soon the prospect brightened, and his labors were abundantly blessed. Under his faithful ministry the church at Madison was greatly built up, and the whole community much improved in religious and moral tone. Scores were converted and brought into the Church—among these, old and young, and many heads of families. He also accomplished a great work, in what is known as the "Burnt Wood's" district of Amherst, a locality, previous to his going there, noted for its wickedness. He commenced preaching in private houses; finally, they erected an arbor, and here held a protracted meeting. This meeting lasted several weeks, and resulted in a most glorious revival of religion, which reached every home and family for miles around, and almost every sinner in the whole community was converted. Soon he organized a society, gathered them all into the Church, and relaxed not his efforts until a neat and comfortable church edifice was erected in place of the arbor, and paid for; which now bears the name of "Bayley's Chapel." Though dead, he still lives in his blessed influence among these people, and still speaks to them "of Jesus and his love;" and his name is a household word in all the homes and families of the community where he so long and so faithfully labored.

Bro. Bayley was a man of fine literary attainments and talents, and devoted much of his time to the improvement of his mind, acquiring knowledge, and writing. He wrote and had published several interesting books; among these, "Confessions of a Converted Infidel," "Marriage as It Is and as It Should Be," "Pleasant Hours;" and also several smaller pamphlets—viz: "Shakespeare: Was He a Christian?" "Facts About America for the People of England," "Good Things for Boys and Girls from Uncle John's Drawer," &c. His "Confessions of a Converted Infidel" has taken its place among the standard religious works of the day, and has passed through several editions. The press is unanimous in its favorable verdict with regard to this book. From numerous commendatory notices, we select the following:

Bishop McTyeire, in the *Nashville Advocate* of May 17, 1876, says: "I read the volume in its first edition, and read it in this last with profit. The style is pure and clear English; it could be called elegant, but this word might start the thought of some-

thing ambitious about the book. An humble, wholesome spirit of piety breathes through every page. One learns forbearance, and even respect, for this sort of 'infidel,'—honest doubtless,—well-read up on the wrong side, reasoning after the manner of the carnal mind, which is enmity against God. But the gospel is the power of God to the salvation of such. The book tells the manner of its application; and without being sensational, has passages of real pathos."

In the *Quarterly Review* of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, our lamented Bishop Doggett says of the first edition: "The author is the subject of the 'Confessions,' and the history of his infidelity, and of his conversion, is deeply instructing and affecting. Some of its incidents possess an overwhelming pathos." In a notice of the second edition, he says: "Frequent and flattering commendations of this book have appeared in various public prints. It is very useful and entertaining, and deserves a wide circulation. It will leave a blessing with it in the testimony which it bears to the truth and excellency of the Christian religion. The narrative is simple but eloquent. It speaks directly to the heart."

To the *Southern Review*, published by the late Dr. Bledsoe, and *Leslie's Sunday Magazine*, he contributed several worthy and interesting articles. His article on "the religious belief of Shakespeare," is of itself of sufficient merit to secure for him high literary fame. In addition to these, he has left on hand several manuscript books nearly ready for publication. He was constantly writing for some paper, either religious or secular; besides he did much good in the circulation of religious literature, in the form of tracts, periodicals and books. Indeed, he was rarely seen out from home without a package of these under his arm, urging all to read and store their minds with religious knowledge.

He was a man of deep convictions, a close student, and tried earnestly to investigate thoroughly every subject under consideration. He endeavored to have a clear and full comprehension of the doctrines which he preached, and then there was added to this a real experimental knowledge of their power. There was a spiritual unction about his preaching which evinced the fact that the truths which he uttered came from a heart all aglow with the love of Christ. He was earnestly devoted to the work of the ministry, and was eminently successful in winning souls to Christ, and his whole life illustrated the faith and purity, and power of that gospel which he so long preached to others.

In the social circle, he was exceedingly entertaining and edifying, often interesting his friends for hours with incident and illustrations from his extended observations and large store of literary and historical information.

He loved his church and her doctrines with an intense ardor, and held firmly to the old landmarks of Methodism. He loved the society of his friends, was fond of cheerful company and anecdote, and was sometimes very humorous. Though naturally despondent, having many doubts and fears, and for a long time troubled on the subject of entire sanctification, yet, underlying all this, there was a deep calm of abiding trust in God, and he

enjoyed religion in a high degree. He read the Bible a great deal; had read it regularly through about thirty times, and once, every chapter and verse, on his knees. During the last year or two of his life, he had overcome all doubts and fears; was cheerful and happy in his work, and entirely resigned about the future of his life. At the last session of our Conference, he was looking remarkably well, and impressed his friends everywhere as being unusually cheerful and happy. He came home in a happy state of mind, and entered upon the closing year of his work in Madison Mission. While attending a revival meeting at Court Street Church, in the month of January, during which he labored most faithfully and successfully, he contracted deep cold. He took some simple remedies and seemed to get better. On Monday, the 9th of February, he did extra visiting in Madison, after preaching three times on Sunday. He attended prayer meeting on Tuesday night, came home much fatigued, and spoke with much solicitude about his charge. He remained in bed all next day. Thursday, a physician was called in, who said he was over-worked and needed rest. He dressed himself every day, and sat up more or less until the following Monday, when, for the first time, his physician became alarmed about the condition of his lungs. We visited him on Friday, at which time he was sitting up, and was hoping to be able to attend his appointments for Sunday. He talked a long time about his work, and finally remarked, "I have not read a line to-day in anything, not even the Bible, is not that wonderful!" He continued to grow rapidly worse until the end came. Tuesday night, the 24th of February, just before 1 o'clock, he calmly breathed his last. He was perfectly peaceful and happy, and had kind words for all around him. To his devoted niece, he spoke with tender affection, saying, "Annie, God bless you." He said not a word about secular concerns; his mind was perfectly at rest. After his case became alarming, he expressed himself with entire resignation, and was constantly disposed to praise God. After taking the last medicine, as he lay down on his pillow he said, "thank God." His wife said, "What are you thanking Him for now?" He replied promptly, "for the medicine." His talk was nearly all about his work, and at times it was sublime to hear his loving words of counsel to his beloved children in the gospel. Shortly before he expired, he said to his wife, "I can't tell whether He will spare my life a little longer, or whether He will permit me now to cross the flood and go into the Heavenly Land; but whatever He wills, will be done, and His will is always right. They that are in His hands are safe." She then sung for him at his request, "Watchman tell us of the night," and "The morning light is breaking." Soon after these hymns were sung, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus. His sun had gone down here; but it was rising full-orbed on other and more beautiful landscapes, never to set again. It was a glorious sunset, which even now sends the shafts of its glory far up into our sky, the trailing light of which brightens the future with the foregleams of a glorious immortality. His funeral services took place at Court Street Church, where he loved so much to meet with the people of God, and to whom he was

so warmly attached, and was attended by a large concourse of friends and sympathizers. His remains were borne by the hands of members of his flock, all of whom he had been instrumental in leading to Christ, to the churchyard of Madison Chapel, and there laid away to rest until the glorious resurrection morn. It was surely fitting, that his remains should rest near the church in which he last preached, and in the midst of a people to whom his last labors and prayers were given. As a tribute to his memory, and testimonial to his worth, his flock, though poor in means, have erected a neat and appropriate monument over his grave, to mark the last resting place of their beloved pastor. Thus has passed from labor to rest, and from service to reward, one of the purest and most faithful men of God we have ever known. He was our friend indeed, and we feel deeply the loss of his companionship; but we believe we shall always be a better man and a more faithful preacher from having known and having been associated with John Bayley in christian work.

“Soldier of Christ well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run
Rest in thy Saviour's joy.”

Rev. JAMES JAMIESON.

James Jamieson, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Jamieson, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, April 4th, 1802. Soon after his conversion, he united with the Presbyterian church; but while engaged in teaching a school in Patrick county, Virginia, a change in his views of certain ecclesiastical and doctrinal questions brought him into full sympathy with the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he joined in the year 1828. Shortly after taking this step, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Franklin Circuit, Peter Doub, Presiding Elder. In February, 1829, at the session of the Virginia Conference held in Lynchburg, Virginia, Bishop Roberts presiding, he was received into the traveling connection on trial, in company with our beloved, and now deceased Bishop, David S. Doggett, and our venerable brother William B. Rowzie, who is the sole survivor of a class of fifteen young men admitted that year. He was received into full connection at Newbern, North Carolina, in 1831, and was ordained an elder at Petersburg, Virginia, by Bishop Hedding, in February, 1833.

His first appointment was the Brunswick Circuit, as junior preacher, with the Rev. W. H. Starr. Henceforward to the close of life—embracing a period of nearly fifty-two years—he sustained an effective relation in the Conference, and died in accordance with his oft expressed desire, just as his active service in the ministry was about to terminate.

Nine years he had the charge of circuits; eighteen years he served in stations; eleven years he was presiding elder; one year agent of the Bible Society; three years professor in the Greensboro (N. C.) Female College; and six years President of

the Danville (Va.) Female College. He was also for a long time a trustee of Randolph Macon College.

He served in the chief councils of the Methodist Episcopal Church during the most critical and trying period of her history, as a member of the General Conference of 1840, and 1844, at the latter of which the famous "Plan of Separation" was adopted, which led to the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and he was also a member of the first General Conference of the Southern Church, held in Petersburg, in May, 1846.

When he entered the itinerancy, the Virginia Conference embraced nearly the whole of the States of Virginia and North Carolina. In 1836 this territory was divided, and the North Carolina Conference established, of which he became a member. In 1858, when nearly all the territory of the North Carolina Conference, then included in the Danville District, was transferred to the Virginia Conference, he elected to remain with the transferred territory, and so again became a member of the Virginia Conference.

Brother Jamieson possessed a strong and vigorous intellect, which was highly improved by extensive reading and patient study. This, with his unblemished moral and Christian character, sound judgment, love of discipline, firmness of purpose, and gentleness of disposition, eminently fitted him to govern and instruct the young, and made him a successful college president and professor. While as an educator he gave due attention to the intellectual training of his pupils, he did not neglect their moral and spiritual nature, but earnestly endeavored to bring them under the influences of those elevating and ennobling Christian principles, without which the highest mental culture is of doubtful value. The salutary influence of his counsels and example on the young ladies who attended his school has been manifest in their womanly and useful lives. In this (Danville, Va.) community, where he spent six years as president of a college for females, not a few are found whose moral and social worth is largely due to the impression received from his mind and character.

With just and liberal views of the rights and privileges, and a conscientious regard for the welfare and happiness of others, he was in all domestic and social relations a pattern of excellence—loved and venerated in the family circle, and honored and esteemed by all his acquaintances. His children rise up and bless him, and all the people among whom he lived, and to whom he ministered, cherish his memory with sincere affection; the outpouring of the citizens of this place (Danville), and the deep emotion manifested by them on the occasion of his funeral obsequies, attest the high regard in which he was held.

As a minister, he was widely known, and deservedly popular. The prominence to which he rose in his Conferences and in the Church, was due solely to force of character—to the presence of superior qualities of mind and heart. He was thoroughly furnished for his work as a preacher. Few men were better acquainted with the inspired writings, or entered more deeply into their spirit. His knowledge of theology was extensive and accurate. The habits of close study, which he formed in early life,

were maintained to the very last. His exposition of divine truth was clear, fresh, edifying; and his manner of presenting and explaining the doctrines of Christianity lucid, interesting and instructive. In preaching, he adhered to the Wesleyan method, and sought "to convince, to offer Christ, to invite, to build up, and this, in some measure, in every sermon." In the pulpit, he was impartial, fearless, firm, but ever gentle and loving. In a word, he was faithful as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"The proud he tamed, the penitent he cheered,
Nor to rebuke the rich offender feared;
His preaching much, but more his practice wrought
(A living sermon of the truths he taught),
For this, by rules severe, his life he squared,
That all might see the doctrine which they heard."

His last sickness was brief. On Sunday, the 13th of June, of this year (1880), while engaged in his regular pastoral duties, he contracted a deep cold. Though no member of the family considered the attack at all serious, he seemed to apprehend a fatal result; for, on the next day, he expressed the belief that his end was near. On Tuesday, he was seized with a severe pain in the right side. On Thursday, the 17th of June, he was stricken with paralysis, and then commenced rapidly to sink. On Friday morning, turning to his son, who was sitting at his side, with a sweet smile, he said, "I hear music, sweet music." To the question "where," he replied, "Far off yet, far off." His intellect was unclouded to the last. To his absent children he sent messages of love, and expressed the earnest hope that they would meet him in heaven.

To his family and to the Rev. Mr. Whaley, the Presbyterian minister at Clarkesville, he spoke freely and satisfactorily in regard to his spiritual state and future prospects. A short time before death, he lost the power of speech, and being supplied with a pencil, wrote, "When I die—," leaving the sentence unfinished. He then wrote, "Do you intend to go to Danville?" by this question signifying, as his family understood, his desire to be buried there.

Early in the morning on the 25th of June, without a struggle, or a groan, he departed to be with Christ. His funeral service was held in this church, and his remains were deposited in what is known as "the old cemetery," there to lie until "the voice of the archangel and the trump of God" shall call the bodies of his saints from earth and sea, and crown them with immortality."

V. REPORTS.

EDUCATION.

To afford all necessary facilities for the intellectual as well as the moral and religious culture of the young, is one of the most sacred duties of the Church. We would interpose no objections here to our system of Public Instruction; but however wisely adjusted or admirably executed such system may be, it can never supersede the necessity of enterprise and faithful diligence on the part of the Church in this department of Christian effort. She cannot relegate this work to the State or to any other conceivable agency, without being untrue to her mission in the world, and untrue to her character as "the mother of us all." Her security and prosperity, and her fealty to Jesus Christ imperatively demand that she lay her hands upon the young, and during the formative period of their lives keep them, as far as possible, within the pale of her gracious influences. However much we may reprobate the errors of Rome, we cannot but commend the earnestness and persistency of her efforts to retain control over the education of her children. Herein is one of the secrets of her stability and strength. If Methodism would be stable, strong, aggressive, let her not think to transfer the work of education to others, but providing all necessary means and appliances, let her train her own children, not only in morals and religion, but in all the higher elements of Christian culture.

We are glad to report that within the bounds of our Conference there are male and female schools that offer, at moderate cost, the advantages of liberal and thorough instruction. Among our female schools we mention:

1. Farmville College, located at Farmville, Va., on the line of the A., M. & O. railroad. Rev. Paul Whitehead, D. D., is the President of this institution. It is a school of the highest grade for young ladies. The corps of instruction is complete, able, faithful. The location is one of great healthfulness. The Farmville Lithia Springs, the waters of which are acquiring extensive celebrity for their curative properties, and to which the pupils have free access, are within less than a mile from the College. About sixty-five young ladies are now receiving instruction in this institution. We bespeak for it the entire confidence and liberal support of our people.

2. The Southern Female College, located in Petersburg, Va. William T. Davis, Esq., long and favorably known as an educator, is at the head of this school. His character as a devout Christian gentleman, and his abilities as a teacher, are a sufficient guarantee of thorough work in his institution. Many who are now themselves educators in their own homes, were fitted for their positions, in large part, by the discipline through which they passed in girlhood under his care. They are a living commendation of his school.

3. Bowling Green Female Seminary, located at Bowling Green, Caroline county, Va. This school is under the management of Mrs. W. T. Chandler, assisted by a corps of six able and experienced teachers. It has been in successful operation for twelve years, and stands in the front rank of our female schools. The location is healthful and accessible. It is the only female school of high grade in the bounds of our Conference north of James River. It is in

every way worthy, and should continue to receive the liberal support of our people.

4. The Suffolk Female Institute, located at Suffolk, Va. This school is under the care of the Misses Finney, who are accomplished scholars and teachers and devout members of the M. E. Church, South. It has been eminently successful, and is bearing a noble part in the cause of Christian education. Its course of study embraces all the branches usually taught in our female colleges. Its charges for board and tuition are moderate. Its discipline is gentle but firm. Its influences are all pure, refining, elevating. It deserves even larger success than it has yet received. We heartily commend it.

Having such schools as these, we know of no sufficient reason why any of our people should send their daughters in quest of education beyond our Conference limits, and especially to schools under influences antagonistic to our faith. If we wish our children to desert our altars, let us send them abroad. If we deem our Methodism good enough for them, as it is for us, let us keep them in our own home schools.

Recognizing the school as an all-important department of Church work, and an invaluable auxiliary to the ministry of the Word, we would rejoice to see institutions of high grade, especially for the education of our daughters, established at all prominent points in our Conference. Neither Richmond, Lynchburg nor Danville has such a school. The last named place presents a particularly inviting field for such an enterprise. Rapidly growing in population and material wealth, in the midst of a rich and beautiful section of country, and having every advantage of healthful climate, easy access, religious privileges, and cultured society, we know of no place in all our limits more suitable for the site of such an institution. How much it would contribute to the prosperity of the Church here and in the surrounding country, we cannot compute in number. We indulge the hope that the large-hearted Methodists of Danville, will ere long inaugurate such an enterprise.

Randolph Macon College has received the endorsement and commendation of this Conference at each of its sessions for nearly a half century. It is the child of the Conference, and as such has a special claim on its fostering care and love. It is no less worthy of our affectionate interest and earnest support to-day than at any former period of its history. It is laboring as diligently in its great mission, and serving the Church as faithfully now as ever heretofore. Our own Conference has been the chief beneficiary of its labors—though its influence has been felt for good through our entire Church. Its graduates are found in all our Southern land and in the high places of both Church and State.

The number of students now at the College is 116. Of these 22 are studying for the ministry. There is a larger number of students who pay tuition present than at the same time last year.

For a number of years the College has been oppressed by debt. It gives us great satisfaction to report that after a most earnest and protracted effort by the President, the entire amount necessary to relieve the institution of this burden has been secured in good subscriptions. The Trustees have authorized the publication of this fact, and the taking of immediate steps to collect these subscriptions. We congratulate the Trustees and the entire Church, especially in the Virginia and Baltimore Conference, on this consummation.

And now it is all-important that the institution be permanently and liberally endowed. To enable it to command and retain the best professional talent, to secure it against disaster from any temporary waning of its patronage, to save it from the oppression of debt in the future, and enable it to move steadily onward in its career of good, it must have an invested fund, the income from which will fully supplement any deficiency of income from other sources. When the present indebtedness shall have been paid, \$20,000 Virginia six per cent. bonds,

now held by the creditors of the College as collaterals, will be liberated, and will form the nucleus of such an endowment fund. The Trustees have authorized the President to receive subscriptions to this fund—taking the bonds of subscribers payable in from one to five years—the bonds bearing interest from date at six per cent., payable annually. It is provided that subscriptions made to this fund shall not be diverted to any other uses. We sincerely trust that the President will meet with a degree of encouragement in this work commensurate with its importance.

Your committee beg leave to offer the following resolutions :

1. We are greatly gratified at the announcement that the efforts of the President of Randolph Macon College, and of others who have co-operated with him to relieve the institution of debt, have resulted in the securing of the amount necessary to liquidate all its liabilities.

2. That we approve the purpose and plan of the Trustees to endow the College, and pledge them our cordial support.

3. That the Joint Board of Finance be requested to make the usual assessment of \$3,000 as an educational fund for Randolph Macon College, and apportion the same among the several Districts of the Conference.

4. That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. W. W. Bennett, D. D., President of Randolph Macon College; Rev. P. Whitehead, D. D., President of Farmville College; Rev. R. M. Saunders, President of Norfolk College for Young Ladies; and Rev. J. C. Granbery, D. D., Professor in Vanderbilt University.

5. That we recommend Farmville College, Southern Female College, Bowling Green Female Seminary and Suffolk Female Institute to the patronage of our people.

6. That we recommend the establishment of a female school of high grade, under the auspices of the Methodist Church, in the town of Danville, and pledge to such an enterprise our cordial support.

7. That our pastors preach on the subject of Christian education in all our congregations during the ensuing Conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. SLEDD, Chairman.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your Committee on Publishing Interests, having considered the papers referred to it from the Publishing House at Nashville, beg leave to report the following :

Resolved, That we are glad to learn that the business of the Publishing House is greatly increased, and that there is a prospect of speedy relief from existing liabilities, by the four per cent. bonds issued by the house; and we respectfully urge those who have subscribed for said bonds to make payment on the same as soon as possible, and thereby aid the agent in the consummation of his plan for the relief of the establishment; and that we pledge ourselves, as a Conference, to do what we may to help the Publishing House to increase its business.

Resolved, That we have heard with pleasure the statement of Dr. Fitzgerald, the able and accomplished editor of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, the connectional organ of our Church; and we are rejoiced to learn that that paper has greatly increased its circulation; and that the *Advocate*, in its literary character, is worthy of our patronage. We take pleasure in recommending it to our people, and pledge ourselves to aid the editor in carrying out his cherished scheme of introducing it into every Methodist family in the bounds of our work.

Resolved, That the *Quarterly Review*, edited by Dr. Summers, and issued by the Publishing House, should be patronized by our ministers and laymen as a periodical of higher literature, and authorized by our General Conference.

Resolved, That we should patronize our own Publishing House in preference to all others, in the purchase of our supplies for the Sunday-school, the family, and the study, when, especially, such supplies can be had on as reasonable terms, and of as good material, as those offered by other establishments.

Resolved, That the paper referred to the committee from "J. A. Chambers & Co., St. Louis, Mo.," calling attention to a book entitled "The Life and Labors of Bishop Marvin," we have considered, and very heartily commend to all our ministers and laymen the purchase of said book; and more especially so, because the family of our deceased Bishop receive a royalty on the sale of it.

Resolved, That the attention of Conference having been called by Bishop Keener to the "Lectures and Sermons of Dr. Munsey," a book edited and published by the Bishop for the sole benefit of the family of the lamented deceased Dr. Munsey, we heartily commend the same to all our ministers and people.

In reference to our home publications, we offer the following:

We are gratified to know that our home paper (*The Richmond Christian Advocate*) is increasing in circulation and influence. We recognize the valuable service which it has done for Methodism within the bounds of our own Conference, and in other portions of the territory occupied by our Church in the South. We congratulate the publisher on the recent and elegant improvement in its outfit. We heartily concur with the sentiment so well expressed by Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, of Nashville, in his address before the committee, that our home journal having a special value within our own bounds, ought to find therein its first and largest support.

Resolved, That we make diligent effort to put a copy of the *Richmond Christian Advocate* in every family within the bounds of all our Circuits and Stations, and thereby double its circulation during the ensuing Conference year.

Resolved, That we have in the *Monthly*, edited by Dr. Sledd of our own Conference, a publication of high merit, deserving the support of both the ministers and laymen of the Church.

We would append the following:

Resolved, That we have heard with unfeigned sorrow of the personal affliction of Rev. Dr. McFerrin, our indefatigable Agent of the Publishing House, and of his recent bereavement in the sudden death of a noble son. We desire to express to him our deepest sympathy, and invoke in his behalf the consolations of the gospel of our blessed Lord.

Respectfully submitted.

[Signed for and in behalf of the committee.]

WM. MCGEE, *Chairman*.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to present the following report:

From comparison of statistical information received from the preachers this year with the minutes of the last session of the Conference, it appears that there has been some advance in all the interests and work of the Sunday Schools in our borders. While these signs of progress cheer us, we have not yet reached the point in the working of this institution that we must reach, and to which we trust we are moving.

In the maturity of events during the present century, under the providence of God, it has been demonstrated that, as an influence in human hands for shaping the moral character and religious destiny of men, the Sunday School is second

only to the regular and appointed ministry of the Word of God. The whole Church must be moving in this matter, and every member of it must find his place and his sphere in this work. To this obligation the Church is becoming aroused, and the signs of its awakening are to be seen in the appliances and appointments of the Sunday School, and in activity in its field. We must move on in this line, pushing our methods and increasing our zeal.

We therefore recommend the following resolutions :

1. That we call the attention of preachers and people to the Discipline, page 132, in reference to the formation and control of Sunday Schools, and the use therein of our literature and publications, including our Catechisms.

2. That we heartily approve and commend the Sunday School periodical literature and Lesson System issued by the Southern Methodist Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., under the editorship of Dr. Cunnyngnam.

3. That the circuits be requested, at the call of the preachers in charge, to hold central mass-meetings according to the resolution of last Conference.

4. That Rev. H. M. Hope be appointed statistical agent to procure information on the following points :

- (1) Number of Sunday Schools.
- (2) Number of officers and teachers.
- (3) Number of scholars.
- (4) Number of conversions.
- (5) Amount of money expended for Sunday School purposes.
- (6) Number of schools using our Lesson System and Catechisms.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. MOORE, Chairman.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause, beg leave to report that they have considered the subject in the light of recent developments, and of existing facts, and have to say, that at no previous period in the history of Bible distribution in Virginia, has the cause had stronger or more imperative claims upon our support and co-operation than at the present time.

Recent explorations of counties in the most favored portions of the State, have revealed the fact that there is an appalling destitution of the Word of God, where destitution is least suspected. It may be said that the destitution is mainly in the families of freedmen. Be it so, the duty is not less imperative to supply *them* with the Scriptures because of their *color*. Indeed, this fact gives additional force to the obligation. They live amongst us; they are poor; they are learning to read; they need the light which the Bible alone can give them, and unless the friends of the Bible cause employ the agencies furnished by the Virginia Bible Society—and, just now, by the American Bible Society—to supply them with the Lamp of Life, they must continue to grope in darkness, amidst the gospel light that blazes around them, in the more favored families of the white race.

But this destitution is not confined, by any manner of means, to *colored* families. Hundreds, and even thousands, of families in Virginia are without a copy of the Scriptures in their houses. Families are constantly multiplying among the *poor white* population, and it requires constant vigilance, and untiring labors, to keep up with the destitution that arises in this sphere of Bible supply. The demand is upon us, and we must not relax our efforts to keep pace with the demand. As a Conference, representing, as we do, a large portion of the popu-

lation in our Conference territory, it devolves upon us to do our full share of this work. The *Methodist Church* is committed, by Disciplinary recognitions of the American Bible Society as an agency of good, to co-operate with its plans for the circulation of the Scriptures "without note or comment," among the people. The *Virginia Bible Society*, with which we, as a Conference, are more directly associated, has been the recipient, from time to time, of large and generous grants of Bibles and Testaments—in whole or in parts—from the American Bible Society. And just now this great and noble institution is co-operating with the *Virginia Bible Society* in a new exploration and re-supply of the *whole* State with the Scriptures, so that every family may have a copy of the Word of God. In this great work the American Bible Society generously *gives* the Bibles, and bears a large portion of the expense in the work of exploration and supply. It therefore becomes us, as a Conference, to do something more than merely pass resolutions, and speak in complimentary terms of this work. It is our duty to do all we can to raise funds to aid in carrying forward this benevolent Christian enterprise to a triumphant consummation.

Our beloved, venerated, and lamented Bishop Doggett was President of the Virginia Bible Society at the time of his death, and said, on his dying pillow, that he felt a deep and abiding interest in its fortunes and success; and that he felt a peculiar pride and pleasure in having his denomination represented in this good cause in his Presidency of the society.

Now, therefore, in view of the foregoing recited facts, be it—

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our unabated devotion to the Bible cause, and especially to the Virginia Bible Society, as an agency at hand, through which we can co-operate with the American Bible Society in carrying forward the great purpose of placing a copy of the Holy Scriptures in every family in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

2. *Resolved*, That we will heartily co-operate with the agencies employed by the Virginia Bible Society, sustained as it now is by the American Bible Society, in the prosecution of this enterprise.

3. *Resolved*, That we will, to the extent of our ability, take up collections in all our pastoral charges to aid in this work.

JOHN E. EDWARDS, *Chairman*.

JACOB MANNING,

OSCAR LITTLETON.

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer, J. H. Dawson, Esq., herewith submitted to the Conference, will give all necessary information in relation to the fiscal condition of the Preachers' Relief Society. What the Society has already done for the relief of the necessitous among us, entitles it to our generous sympathy and support. Its benefactions have of necessity been small, but large enough to cheer and lift the burden from the hearts of many of our suffering brethren. We look forward hopefully to the time when no brother in need will seek our help in vain.

The payment of all arrearages on subscriptions would enable us greatly to enlarge the usefulness of the Society. The amount due by each subscriber is comparatively small, but the good that could be accomplished by it, if it were all paid into our treasury, would be incalculably great.

R. N. SLEDD, President.

SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Virginia Annual Conference now in Session :

Dear Brethren—I am instructed to report to your body the following action of the Preachers' Relief Society :

Resolved. That we recommend to the Virginia Annual Conference for election as Directors of our Society for the ensuing Conference year, the following persons: Rev. R. N. Sledd, Rev. F. M. Edwards, Rev. J. Carson Watson, of the Virginia Conference; W. T. McMullan, of Hertford, N. C.; H. C. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro, N. C.; George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth; Joseph E. Broadwater, of Temperanceville; C. V. Winfree, of Lynchburg, and J. H. Dawson, of Norfolk, Va.

Respectfully,

J. H. DAWSON, Secretary P. R. S.

Danville, Va., Nov. 20, 1880.

To the Board of Directors of "The Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference M. E. Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans :"

Dear Brethren—According to custom, I submit the annual report of the operations of our Society. The period embraced is one year, from the 11th of November, 1879, to the 10th of November, 1880, inclusive :

RECEIPTS.

1879.	Nov. 11.	Balance from last fiscal year.....			\$460 09
1880.	10.	Received during the year from subscribers...\$	887 00		
	10.	Received during the year from donations....	61 82		
	10.	Received during the year from interest on bonds.....	600 00		
	10.	Received during the year from interest on deposits.....	51 84	1600 66	
					<u>\$2060 75</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

1879.	November.	Appropriations at the Conference session, as follows: Rev. R. Michaels, \$75; Rev. W. A. Crocker, \$75; Rev. S. T. Moorman, \$60; Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, \$60; Rev. R. A. Armistead, \$50; Rev. A. M. Hall, \$50; Mrs. D. F. Hodges, \$25; Mrs. J. W. Wonnycott, \$20; Mrs. M. C. Pierce, \$20; Miss M. Scott, \$15.....	\$ 450 00		
1880.	Secretary and Treasurer's salary, \$100; printing, \$3.75; postage, \$7.....		110 75	\$560 75	
	Balance on deposit in Exchange National Bank, Norfolk, November 10, 1880			\$1500 00	

The net increase of the fund during the year has been as follows:

In cash, \$1039 91—three Publishing House bonds—from Rev. W. G. Starr, D. D., \$50; from T. M. Leitch, Esq., \$100; from a friend, \$100	\$1289 91
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The present assets of the Society consist of :

Registered 6 per cent. bonds of the city of Norfolk..	\$10,000 00
Coupon bonds of Publishing House, bearing 4 per cent. interest.....	250 00
Cash on deposit at interest.....	1,500 00
	<u>\$11,750 00</u>

Besides some old obligations of indefinite value received from Conference Aid Society.

I am in frequent consultation with brother George M. Bain, Jr., one of our Board, and am watching, under his advice, for an opportunity for a safe and profitable investment of the \$1,500 now in hand.

Instead of notifying each subscriber by mail during the past year of the state of his account, and requesting remittance, I made out full lists of names of subscribers, amounts of subscriptions and amounts of payments to June, 1880, and sent said lists to the preachers on the various circuits and stations where we have subscribers to the Preachers' Relief Society. With those lists I sent circulars requesting the brethren to notify their congregations that they had received the lists and were prepared to give needed information as to state of account, and also to receive and receipt for any payments that might be made on account of the Preachers' Relief Society. I trust that our brethren in the ministry have taken sufficient interest in our work to comply with so reasonable a request, especially as the Society exists and works for their benefit exclusively.

In consequence of this change in my plan of applications, I have not received at my office as many payments as formerly, but hope to have good reports from the ministers during this Conference session.

Under the circumstances, the foregoing financial exhibit is encouraging. The net increase in cash is only \$87.81 less than last year, notwithstanding we paid \$80 more in appropriations. Our expenses have decreased \$71, and if we leave out of the comparison the \$500 bequest received last year, we have received in cash and bonds \$162.19 more than in 1879. If our reasonable expectations of larger collections than usual through the preachers at the Conference this year shall be fulfilled, we should feel gratified at the progress we are making.

Our acknowledgments are due to the Richmond *Christian Advocate* for the free use, cheerfully granted, of its columns for the advancement of our interests.

Respectfully asking an examination of my books and accounts by a proper committee, permit me to subscribe myself,

Respectfully yours,

J. H. DAWSON,

Secretary and Treasurer P. R. S.

Danville, Va., Nov. 18, 1880.

STATE OF THE CHURCH WITH REGARD TO DISCIPLINE.

Scripture, reason, and history give instructive teaching relative to the importance of disciplinary regulations in any organization, having for its object the moral or religious advantage of humanity. No injunction of the Saviour was more impressively stated than that which commanded watchfulness against the foes of piety and worth. The militant state of the Church on earth was recognized by the Great Master in all His prophetic descriptions of its career; and promises of support, and ultimate success, are based upon the unmistakable condition of fidelity to such principles and work as the Lord of Hosts prescribed.

To the same effect are the inspired utterances of Apostolic literature. Everywhere the primitive teachers of Christianity insisted upon a life regulated by holy motives, and the high requirement of resistance to all the protean forms of evil temptations.

Reason readily perceives the wisdom of inspired advice. An intelligent survey of the surroundings of the Church must convince every unbiased mind, that a discipline faithfully administered is requisite to success. If an army in the enemy's country must be careful that no camp be without trusty sentinels—no march be undertaken without the utmost care as to means of attack or defense—

the Church of our blessed Lord has reason to be vigilant against the enemies of truth and the would-be destroyers of ecclesiastical consistency, and hence of real success. For loss of consistency is loss of success.

History, too, is pregnant with warning upon this subject. The excellence of no organization (however good at first) has long survived the slackening of the reins of original carefulness in discipline. The ignorance and wickedness of the dark ages; the failure of the Nestorian enterprise; the corruptions of continental ecclesiasticism, resulting in the great Italian apostacy; the unholy ritualism of English churches in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries—all may be traced to the same great error—a lack of care in adhering to such discipline as would perpetuate observance of first principles. Shall Methodism repeat the folly? Her mission is one of peculiar grandeur. Not without doctrine and ritual, she yet claims no dogma as to ordinances or forms of worship, as the distinctive demand for her existence. Her's is the nobler work of spreading scriptural holiness; endeavoring to show that creed and practice *can* agree, and thus the world's conversion be hastened by the influence of religious men. True, she wants numbers; for every soul saved is worth more than mathematics can estimate; but she contends for purity in her numbers. Character first, and quantity second, was the motto of her origin. Holding these views, your committee would, with mingled feelings of joy and anxiety, give the result of a prayerful and careful deliberation, with as much of examination into facts as opportunity allowed.

1. We find much to induce the grateful expression, "We thank God and take courage." A wholesome administration of discipline characterizes an encouraging portion of our Zion; and there is much of testimony, by pulpit and press, against worldly-mindedness, and the ungodly practices that foster it. In many parts of our work, class-meetings are still held, with gratifying success; and in many charges valuable revivals of religion have succeeded faithful effort to warn and instruct sinners. Firmness of discipline has by many been sustained, without unholy harshness; pastor and people remembering the Apostolic injunction: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness."

2. But there is still a danger of loss in spiritual efficiency in various sections of our territory, arising from the influence of various causes. The times are peculiarly fruitful in supposed reasons for such leniency in discipline, or such disregard of Church doctrine as may (if not watched) result in a partial, if not entire, obliteration of the line of demarkation between professors and non-professors of religion. Ideas detrimental to the sacred observance of both are gaining ground in our country, to such an extent as to call for serious thought on the part of every one who recognizes the divinity of the law, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." The example of learned Germany and brilliant France, we fear, is having an unhallowed effect upon public sentiment, and the Church must feel its danger. It is no time to relax in our testimony upon a subject so intimately connected with the practice of obedience to God. Sunday excursions and Sunday visiting should be discarded by our members.

Family worship, we fear, is lamentably neglected. Indeed (so far as your committee could learn), in some parts of our work, its omission is the rule, its observance the exception. We would earnestly recommend attention to this matter, and (to meet the wants of those preferring printed forms) the circulation of some cheap book of family devotion, as far as practicable.

Worldly amusements demand attention by our Church authorities. The line between sinful and innocent pastime may be difficult to define; but we can, without hesitation, declare the opposition of religious consistency to the modern dance, as practiced at balls and parties; and if, after kind admonition and affec-

tionate reproof, there be a defiance to the Episcopal Address, and our uniform teaching, discipline should be appealed to for Church vindication.

In this connection, too, your committee would mention the impropriety of giving encouragement to that relict of a darker age, "the circus;" or to the theatrical performances, so promotive of impurity. We would also say, we are apprehensive of the progress of wrong ideas on the subject of securing money for church purposes. The end does not justify the means. Improper modes of conducting feasts and fairs, or the resort to tableaux and theatricals to bring tribute to the Lord's house, may bring reproach upon the Church, before we become aware of the extent of the evil.

3. Methodism has from its origin taught a scrupulous particularity as to business obligations. We rejoice to proclaim no abatement in our teaching on this important feature of morals. Legal technicality is not the only rule of honesty to a Christian. Verbal pledges, as well as written bonds, are to him binding. The age requires this idea to be strongly enforced.

4. The evils in our country resulting from the sale and use of intoxicants, are immense. By intemperance, wives are made widows, children are made orphans, and both are made paupers and beggars. The Church should bear an unmistakable testimony against participating in so great a wrong.

Hence, we offer the following for adoption :

Resolved, That we, as ministers and laymen, will endeavor to keep up to a high standard the ends, aims, and methods of Church work; encouraging nothing which can bring reproach upon our denomination; and that we will endeavor, by all practicable means, to discourage unholy amusements, or those upon which we cannot sincerely ask God's blessing.

2. *Resolved*, That we will consider it our duty to urge the universal practice of family and social worship.

3. *Resolved*, That we deem the sale of ardent spirits, except for medicinal or culinary purposes, inconsistent with Methodist vows; and continued refusal to abandon it, should be dealt with according to the interpretation of discipline given by our Bishops. And also, that the constant use of ardent spirits as a beverage, is an inconsistency.

F. M. EDWARDS, *Chairman*.

VI.

THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD.

I.—PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Board of Missions, in obedience to custom and to duty, has met together to receive reports from and review the labors of the missionaries for the past year. Gratifying results have been wrought in several of the fields of labor, while the constant care of a Heavenly Father; whose tender mercies are over all His creatures, has so guarded and guided in the work, that disasters have befallen none. Our missionaries come up to the annual gathering proving the promise, that those "who go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless return again rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them."

Reports have been received from the following missions: Madison, Chesterfield, Bedford, Bertie, Piedmont, South Patrick, West Lunenburg, East Louisa, and Barboursville, and Ely's Ford Missions.

Madison Mission, one of the most important fields of labor under the jurisdiction of the Board, was served by Rev. John Bayley during a part of the Conference year. But death, who always chooses a shining mark, aimed its shaft with unerring certainty, and Bro. Bayley fell while in the discharge of his duties, and leading the host of the Lord "to conquering and to conquest." The large gathering, the spontaneous outbursts of feeling at the funeral services, and the memorial shaft since erected by loving hands, attest the endeared and exalted place he held in the affections of the people he had long and faithfully served. The workmen fall, but the work goes on, was true in this case, and the report furnished shows gratifying results. Many souls have been converted, and the lay brethren and local preachers, with Sister Bayley (who had endeared herself to the people), have worked efficiently and zealously and successfully.

Rev. James Bailey has been in charge of Chesterfield Mission during the past year, and reports that for want of room for development this mission should be discontinued. Bro. Bailey has wrought well, and has proven himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.

Bedford Mission was in charge of Rev. M. L. Bishop, who furnishes an encouraging report from the mission. Thirty souls have been converted, and a class of twenty-five has been formed at one point. The outlook on this field is encouraging.

Bertie Mission, under the efficient superintendence of Rev. Wm. Grant, has been developed, and a portion absorbed by adjacent circuits, securing permanent benefit to the Church. This work has been changed, but will be further prosecuted by the same faithful and zealous brother, until the whole of this outlying territory shall be subjugated and brought into the Kingdom of our God.

Rev. Wm. T. Williams reports from the Glenmore Mission, that there is one church and three preaching places; 78 members, mostly poor but generous; two

Sunday-schools, with 25 officers and teachers, and 128 scholars. The people are interested in the work, and \$100 have been raised for the support of the ministry; Sunday-schools, \$30.97; and for Foreign Missions, \$5.35. A creditable financial report at least.

Rev. G. W. Bailey, from Piedmont Mission, comes with cheering words from the mountain-tops and gorges of the Blue Ridge. His is an arduous and difficult work. The history of the pioneer in civilization may be perpetuated in story and in song, but the history of the Christian pioneer is to be perpetuated in the annals of the Church, in the Record Book on high, and in the immortal spirits of precious souls saved through the merit of Jesus and the efficacy of the cross. Bro. Bailey has done a good work in building up and repairing churches, organizing classes and Sunday-schools, and in preparing the way over these mountain ledges and through its forests for the future itinerant. He reports 14 adult baptisms and additions to the Church, and two infant baptisms.

The West Lunenburg Mission has exhibited remarkable development under the direction of Rev. R. B. Scott, one of our efficient and successful young preachers. There are now four churches and four Sunday-schools. The schools number 200 officers, teachers, and scholars. There have been 13 additions during the year; seven adult and five infant baptisms. The outlay of the Board at this point has brought a rich return into the treasury of the Lord, and permanent good to the Church.

Rev. D. J. Traynham reports from South Patrick Mission, that there has been improvement in the financial condition of the mission. There are nine Sunday-schools in good condition, and 294 members of the Church. This work will be divided and a circuit formed of one part, leaving one missionary to go into the fields beyond, making new conquests in the name of the Lord.

The report of the Rev. Richard Stephens, from Barboursville and Ely's Ford Mission, gives but little promise in this field of labor, and the work will probably be discontinued.

Rev. Thomas R. Dunn, who has been in charge of the East Louisa Mission, reports the most gratifying results of his first year's labor in this field. Four conversions and 15 scattered members of the fold have been brought in, making 19 additions to the Church. There are eight appointments for the summer, and five for the entire year. There are now 70 members in the mission. There was but one church, only partly constructed, with a heavy debt on it. The debt has been paid off, and the church completed in a neat and comfortable style, at a cost for debt and labor, etc., of \$438; collected and paid Presiding Elder, \$27.18; Conference collection and Domestic Missions, \$23; for preacher in charge, \$9.92—making a total of \$498.10, and an average per member of \$7.11. Fifteen subscribers to the *Advocate* have been secured. This mission will be continued.

The Rosebud Missionary Societies report as collected and paid,—

To Mexico.....	\$290 23
To China.....	100 00
To Rev. W. W. Royal.....	8 00
Total.....	\$398 23

God bless the children!

The following Missions make no report: Woodville and Dennisville Missions.

J. POWELL GARLAND, *President*.

A. C. BLEDSOE, *Secretary*.

We incorporate the following report of a committee, appointed by this Board to consider a circular letter from Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, to the Bishop and members of this Conference :

[REPORT.]

1. *Resolved*, By the Board of Missions of the Virginia Annual Conference, that it is with unfeigned thanks we learn from Dr. Wilson (the Missionary Secretary), of the increased interest manifested by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the cause of Foreign Missions. Truly, we have reason to be grateful.

2. *Resolved*, That we look with special interest to the work of Methodism in China, and will endeavor to urge our people to increased liberality on account of it.

3. *Resolved*, That we are not discouraged by the report from Brazil, but still hope for success in that great Empire.

4. *Resolved*, That our work in Mexico must be regarded as very important, and we are glad to know of its continued hopefulness.

5. *Resolved*, That we regard the *Advocate of Missions*, published by Dr. Wilson, as an important means of distributing information about the heathen. It should be in every Methodist family.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD—CONTINUED.

II.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

I.—FOREIGN MISSIONS

Amount received from Preachers at Conference.....		\$ 7,419 69
“ “ “ Missionary Anniversary.....		37 83
		<hr/> \$7,457 52
Payments made by Preachers to W. W. Royall.....	243 46	
“ “ “ J. W. Manning.....	132 34	
“ “ “ D. C. Kelly.....	55 00	
“ “ “ A. W. Wilson.....	133 00	
“ “ “ J. W. Lambert.....	20 00	
“ “ “ T. L. D. Walford.....	85 00	
Amount remitted J. W. Manning, Treasurer.....	6,688 72	
“ paid A. G. Brown, Chairman, for defraying expense of Minutes.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$7,457 52

II.—DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Balance on hand from last Conference.....	\$ 383 62
Received from Preachers at last Conference.....	4,409 62
“ “ Anniversary Collection.....	37 83
	<hr/> \$4,831 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nicholson Street.....	\$ 60 00
Laurel Street.....	60 00
Williamsburg.....	140 00
Jamestown.....	60 00
Woodville Mission.....	80 00
Gordonsville.....	140 00
Robinson's River.....	180 00
Piedmont Mission.....	240 00
Barboursville.....	120 00
Middle Bedford.....	80 00
Southeast Bedford.....	80 00
Madison Mission.....	360 00
Glenmore.....	80 00
West Franklin.....	80 00
Northwest Pittsylvania.....	100 00
South Patrick.....	400 00
Wesley Chapel.....	100 00
Hatricks.....	140 00
Blandford.....	240 00
Chesterfield Mission.....	160 00
Second Street.....	112 00
Murfreesboro.....	80 00
Bertie Mission.....	200 00
Burkeville.....	100 00
Clarksville.....	128 00
Dennisville Mission.....	160 00
Lunenburg.....	200 00
Bowling Green.....	80 00
West Goochland.....	60 00
Spottsylvania.....	80 00
East Louisa Mission.....	200 00
Wicomico.....	160 00
Bell Haven.....	80 00
Paid A. G. Brown, Chairman, on account Minutes.....	100 00
George H. Zimmerman.....	100 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	91 07
	<hr/> \$4,831 07

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY BOARD—CONTINUED.

III.—APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1880-81.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—		
Jamestown.....	\$ 200 00	
Nicholson Street.....	75 00	
Laurel Street.....	75 00	
Williamsburg.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 500 00
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT—		
Gordonsville.....	200 00	
Piedmont Mission.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	400 00
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT—		
Middle Bedford.....	100 00	
Southeast Bedford.....	100 00	
West Bedford.....	75 00	
Madison Mission.....	350 00	
Glenmore Mission.....	100 00	
Bedford Mission.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	825 00
DANVILLE DISTRICT—		
West Franklin.....	200 00	
Northwest Pittsylvania.....	125 00	
North Pittsylvania.....	150 00	
East Franklin.....	150 00	
South Patrick Mission.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	925 00
FARMVILLE DISTRICT—		
Burkeville.....	125 00	
Clarksville.....	150 00	
West Lunenburg.....	275 00	
	<hr/>	550 00
PETERSBURG DISTRICT—		
Wesley Chapel.....	125 00	
Ettricks.....	100 00	
Blandford.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	525 00
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT—		
Murfreesboro.....	350 00	
Edenton.....	200 00	
Hertford Mission.....	125 00	
	<hr/>	675 00
NORFOLK DISTRICT—		
Second Street.....	175 00	
Fox Hill.....	100 00	
	<hr/>	275 00
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT—		
Bowling Green.....	100 00	
West Goochland.....	75 00	
Spottsylvania.....	200 00	
East Louisa Mission.....	150 00	
	<hr/>	525 00
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT—		
Wicomico.....	200 00	
Bell Haven.....	150 00	
Dorchester.....	200 00	
	<hr/>	550 00
Total,		<hr/> \$ 5,750 00

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Virginia Conference Women's Missionary Society, is happy to be able to report a fair increase in the number of auxiliaries formed within the bounds of the Conference during the past year.

At our last annual meeting, we reported 12 auxiliaries and 463 members. We are glad to say we now number 25 auxiliaries, and 740 members reported. We believe there are some auxiliaries which have not yet reported to us. We are pained to record the loss of two auxiliaries this year: One, the most flourishing and interesting, probably, that we had, withdrew in spite of all remonstrance, without assigning any reason for the step. We erase the name from our record with sorrow of heart. The other, formed during the present year, became discouraged, and disbanded after a few months' organization. We hope they may be induced to reconsider their action, and to unite with us again.

Those auxiliaries formed on Stations during the past year, are the following: Park Place, Richmond, organized in 1879, but not reported until this year; Cartersville, Va., Salisbury, Md., and North Danville, Va. We are glad to be able to report several auxiliaries on our Circuits, viz: Lunenburg, 1; Brunswick, 2; Madison, 1; Northampton, 3; Accomac, 1; King George, 2. These are all doing good work; and in spite of many difficulties, of which our city workers have no experience, press on with full purpose of heart to do their utmost for the cause. One Corresponding Secretary writes, "That not satisfied to pay only the amount required of each member, they have organized a sewing society, and intend devoting the proceeds of their work to the missionary cause.

Time will not admit of particular mention of all our auxiliaries. We are sorry to say, that those in our larger cities are excelled in zeal by those in smaller places. We make special mention of the auxiliary in Boynton, which includes almost, if not every, lady member in that church, and averages quite two dollars per member. We regret not having received recent reports from all our auxiliaries; had we been so fortunate, we are sure we could have made a more interesting report.

With great pleasure we express our obligation to those ministerial brethren, who have the past year remembered the Apostolic injunction, to "Help those women who labor with them in the gospel." We are confident we shall receive from them fuller sympathy and help in the work, when they consider it more carefully, and understand clearly that our sole end and aim is to hasten the coming of our common Lord. We are thankful that, as a Conference Society, we have done as well as we have; but, at the same time, deeply deplore that we have not done better. While the proper discharge of this work does not involve the neglect of any duty, it does involve self-sacrifice, and demands less absorption in the trifling amusements and frivolous engagements with which a city life is beset.

We are glad to know that some other Conference societies have done far better work than we have, during the past year; may their good works "provoke" us to a noble emulation.

We congratulate ourselves on the accomplishment of the plan talked of, at our last annual meeting, of our executive officers establishing our own organ. The *Women's Missionary Advocate* more than meets our expectations in every

respect, and is a help not one of us can afford to dispense with. We view with concern the comparatively small number that avail themselves of this help within our society limits, and would earnestly urge each member of every auxiliary to become a subscriber without delay. The subscription price is too small to debar any, that really care for the paper, from possessing it. We notice, invariably, that it is those auxiliaries, especially in our cities, that do not take our paper, nor read any missionary literature, who complain of a lack of interest in the work. We would suggest a plan to those who state that the interest is at a low ebb in their auxiliaries, which, if followed, might, we think, be productive of good. Meet *regularly* once a month, in spite of small attendance; meet for *prayer*, and not merely to transact business. If but two are present, remember who has promised always to make the third. Appoint one or more ladies to read missionary intelligence every month. Make the field you select for the month's reading, a subject for especial prayer that month. Should you choose China as your especial subject, let each lady covenant to give a few minutes of every day of that month to invoking the Divine blessing upon that field; do not confine yourselves to our workers, but pray for all the Lord's people, who are laboring in foreign lands, remembering that "the field is the world." If we believe in a prayer-hearing God, we must believe our prayers will not be unheard, nor unblessed. Let us try this plan; and, with God's help, we will find it a successful one.

There are two obstacles we will notice, in the way of the successful prosecution of our work: The first and least is, the opposition of those without, who do not sympathize with us. We are opposed alike, but for different reasons, from two classes—the first being those who do not believe in foreign mission work at all; see no use in going thousands of miles to do work, which they affirm is all ground us; are fond of such worn-out aphorisms as, "The Greeks are at your doors,"—"Charity begins at home," &c.; consider the dreary jests of "dining on cold missionary," and "sending top-boots and flannel jackets to the South-Sea Islanders" as most excellent wit. These consider the Pardiggles and Jellylys of the lively satirist veritable portraits of the earnest-hearted women, who do honest work with a self-sacrificing spirit. The second, and more thoughtful, class of opponents are those who believe in foreign missions, and are willing that even their wives and daughters should actively engage in the work, provided they do it so quietly that no one will ever find them out! But let a business meeting of the ladies be called, to plan and arrange their work systematically, and the frown of disapproval takes the place of the smile of sympathy; and words of dire import, such as "strong-minded women," "women's-rights' meetings," issue from the stern lips. The term "strong-minded" is not particularly appalling, even when applied as a term of reproach, but is at all times greatly to be preferred to its opposite. The other term is intimidating, because so very mysterious; we have never yet fully understood its import. If, when applied to us missionary workers, it means the dear inalienable right to plan and speak, and write, and work, and pray—and, if need be, *suffer* for our blessed Lord—we joyfully accept the title, and wear it as our proudest distinction. "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye." Were there none, think you, to carp and sneer at the holy women of old, and brand them as enthusiasts, as they followed the Son of Man up and down Galilee, and ministered to him of their substance? Did not even the chosen twelve criticise the loving Mary, when she lavished the affluence of her love on the Sacred Head? The perfume of that act of love, floating down the ages, still sweetens all the atmosphere, as we read the lovely story. My sisters, the same Saviour is willing to say on behalf of each one of us, while laboring for Him, "Let her alone! why trouble ye the woman? She hath wrought a good work." We are at a loss to understand, why it is permitted women to assist at fancy fairs; to perform at concerts; give

public readings; take part in private (?) theatricals; pose in tableaux, and be warmly commended for successfully exhibiting before the largest mixed audiences that can be persuaded to attend; and only when she lifts a trembling voice in her Master's cause, be made to feel she has done something unwomanly. Unwomanly? Nay, most womanly and fitting, that the saved woman should speak the praises of her Saviour.

But the greatest evil we have to surmount, is *not* from the opposition of those without, but from the indifference we find within—even within our own hearts. Alas! that it should be so. But is it not so? Can any one of us here to-day say, We have done our utmost to advance this work? How much have we prayed about it? How many tears have we shed over it? How many acts of self-denial have we practised because of it? Let us determine our next meeting shall testify more largely than has this, that we have tried to do something for Him who gave Himself for us. The far-distant members of our Father's family, our blood relations, are living in spiritual want, and are looking eagerly to us, their rich and prosperous sisters, to send them the Bread of Eternal Life. We have enough, and to spare; let us beware how we withhold it from the perishing. "I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat," admits of a wide significance. Let us rather strive to win the gracious commendation, "Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these, ye did it unto Me."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. CHAS. H. HALL.

VII.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE—CONTINUED.

I.—TREASURER'S REPORTS.

I.—CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman, from last Conference...	\$	420	23
Received for Minutes, 1879.....		52	00
“ “ “ 1880.....		116	97
“ “ Interest from Hall Fund.....		72	61
“ “ Domestic Missions to defray expense of Minutes.....		100	00
“ “ Foreign “ “ “ “ “ “		100	00
Received from Richmond District.....		792	19
“ “ Charlottesville District.....		435	70
“ “ Lynchburg District.....		655	66
“ “ Danville District.....		379	59
“ “ Farmville District.....		623	66
“ “ Petersburg District.....		692	76
“ “ Murfreesboro District.....		571	96
“ “ Norfolk District.....		869	50
“ “ Randolph Macon District.....		478	87
“ “ Eastern Shore District.....		441	60
			\$ 6,802 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing, mailing, &c., Minutes and Conference Blanks.....	\$	291	92
Paid for Conference Secretary's bill.....		12	00
“ for Check-book and drafts.....		3	25
“ Rev. Jacob Shough.....		150	00
“ “ J. C. Garlick.....		250	00
“ “ S. T. Moorman.....		125	00
“ “ Benj. Williams.....		40	00
“ “ James McAden.....		75	00
“ “ R. Michaels.....		300	00
“ “ G. W. Nolley.....		300	00
“ “ Wm. Carter.....		75	00
“ “ J. McClelland.....		150	00
“ “ H. H. Gary.....		200	00
“ “ J. L. Fisher.....		150	00
“ “ J. B. Laurens.....		200	00
“ “ F. A. Davis.....		300	00
“ “ Thomas Diggs.....		250	00
“ Mrs. Joseph Carson.....		100	00
“ “ L. J. Hansberger.....		75	00
“ “ J. W. Childs.....		150	00
“ “ B. E. Gibson.....		100	00
“ “ M. C. Peirce.....		225	00
“ “ Maria Peyton.....		150	00
“ “ M. S. Shelton.....		200	00
“ “ F. M. Bain.....		100	00
“ “ T. C. Hays.....		75	00
“ “ J. W. Wonnycutt.....		175	00
“ “ R. A. Gregory.....		250	00
“ “ Julia Wood.....		100	00
“ “ Benj. Miles.....		75	00
“ “ W. J. Hunter.....		200	00
“ “ J. M. Arnold.....		125	00

Carried forward..... \$4,972 17

Brought forward.....	\$4,972 17
Paid Mrs. M. C. Spriggs.....	60 00
" " B. H. Johnson.....	200 00
" " Alex. Stewart.....	75 00
" " J. McMullen.....	100 00
" " G. N. Guy.....	150 00
" " Abram Penn.....	100 00
" Miss S. L. Robertson.....	30 00
" Mrs. G. W. Langhorne.....	100 00
" " J. A. Duncan.....	175 00
" " D. F. Hodges.....	225 00
" Child of W. C. Blount.....	40 00
" Mrs. D. J. C. Slaughter.....	100 00
" " Jos. H. Davis.....	100 00
" " John Bayley.....	50 00
Balance in hand of A. G. Brown, Chairman.....	325 10
	<hr/> \$6,802 27

November, 1880.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

II.—BISHOP'S FUND.

Received from Preachers at Conference.....	\$1,424 59
Paid Bishop Keener's travelling expenses.....	35 00
" " Doggett's family.....	1,000 00
" " Keener.....	389 56
	<hr/> \$1,424 59

November, 1880.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

III.—EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Received from Preachers at Conference.....	\$2,158 88
Vouchers received from Preachers.....	128 55
Paid W. W. Bennett, President.....	2,030 33
	<hr/> \$2,158 88

November, 1880.

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., *Treasurer.*

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE—CONTINUED.

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1880-81.

DISTRICTS.	Conference Collections.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bishop's Fund.	Education.
Richmond... ..	\$ 1000 00	750 00	1000 00	213 00	375 00
Charlottesville.	720 00	540 00	720 00	153 00	270 00
Lynchburg... ..	880 00	660 00	880 00	187 00	330 00
Danville.....	640 00	480 00	640 00	136 00	240 00
Farmville.....	800 00	600 00	800 00	170 00	360 00
Petersburg.....	880 00	660 00	880 00	187 00	330 00
Murfreesboro	880 00	660 00	880 00	187 00	330 00
Norfolk.....	1000 00	750 00	1000 00	212 00	375 00
Randolph Macon.....	640 00	480 00	640 00	136 00	240 00
Eastern Shore.....	560 00	420 00	560 00	119 00	210 00
Total.....	8000 00	6000 00	8000 00	1700 00	3000 00

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Answer: Amount collected, \$6,170.

Applied: 1st. To Superannuated preachers, \$2,565. 2d. To widows and orphans of preachers, \$3,605.

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC .		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
RICHMOND DISTRICT.....	L. M. LEE, P. E.....														
1. Trinity.....	Wm. E. Judkins.....		\$ 4 50		\$300 00	\$120 00	\$120 00	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00		\$ 64 00		\$ 77 51	\$25 00	\$44 00
2. Broad Street.....	Wm. G. Starr.....				420 00	135 00	135 00	1,480 00	1,480 00		70 00		90 00	25 00	
3. Centenary.....	Robert N. Sledd.....		3 75		450 00	132 25	132 25	1,800 00	1,800 00		132 55		144 04	35 00	45 57
4. Park Place.....	John E. Edwards.....					40 00	40 00	1,500 00	1,500 00		15 81	7 50	15 00	7 75	24 65
5. Clay Street	A. G. Brown.....				400 00	82 40	82 40	1,400 00	1,400 00		15 00	11 28	30 00	15 92	24 00
6. Laurel Street.	W. P. Wright.....					15 00	15 00	600 00	600 00				25 00		
7. Union Station	W. C. Vaden				300 00	80 50	80 50	1,300 00	1,300 00		33 27		75 00		
8. Nicholson Street.....	Sup. by W. G. Bates.....					9 00	2 00	67 73	67 73	7 00					
9. Manchester and Fifth St.	B. F. Woodward		65 00		200 00	57 00	51 13	1,200 00	1,073 34	132 53	40 05		37 88	12 12	
10. Henrico	D. M. Wallace.....		2 50		50 00	50 00	43 74	600 00	576 27	29 99	4 87		37 16	50 00	
11. Charles City	L. B. Betty.....					47 00	47 00	375 00	375 00		40 00		40 00		
12. New Kent	J. W. Connelly.....					31 00	31 00	500 00	500 00		5 00		5 00		
13. West New Kent.....	G. W. Wray.....		15 00			18 75	18 75	450 00	409 75	40 25	4 59		10 00		
14. Williamsburg.....	P. F. August.....		13 00			7 50	7 50	250 00	224 79	25 21	26 98		18 01		
15. Jamestown.....	Sup. by R. H. Mullen.....					7 50	7 00	310 00	210 48	100 02	3 00		3 00		
16. Gloucester.....	{ George E. Booker.....		3 50			100 00	96 51	825 00	799 67	34 17	30 00		20 00		
	{ D. L. Thrift, Helper...							125 00	119 65						
17. Matthews.....	G. C. Vanderslice.....		50 00		100 00	100 00	100 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		30 00		62 19	11 26	
18. West Matthews	T. O. Edwards.....		6 00			26 00	26 00	380 00	380 00		29 00		30 83		
	Totals for 1880.....		163 25		2,220 00	1,058 90	1,035 78	15,662 73	15,316 68	369 17	544 12	18 78	720 62	182 05	138 22
	Totals for 1879...					1,200 00	1,141 23	18,119 35	17,561 85	616 27	533 91	81 42	610 90	96 65	
	Increase.....										10 21		109 72	85 40	138 22
	Decrease.....											62 64			

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..	Increase.....										10 21		109 72	85 40	138 22
..	Decrease											62 64			

RICHMOND DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Trinity.....	\$108 40	\$108 40	\$22 68	\$22 68	\$40 65	\$40 65	\$340 39	\$ 115 00	\$1,079 45	\$3,841 58	\$ 8 21	1	52	300	41	800	23	19	1
2. Broad Street.....	112 16	112 16	23 95	23 95	42 56	42 56	414 57	.....	1,373 81	4,187 05	11 96	1	33	163	26	1,000	7	14	3
3. Centenary.....	111 30	111 30	23 35	23 35	41 98	41 98	528 00	1,647 50	2,438 72	7,534 01	16 06	1	36	262	9	500	7	8	1
4. Park Place.....	29 76	29 76	6 30	6 30	11 19	11 19	237 85	100 00	850 00	2,845 81	13 13	1	26	140	7	618	6	9	.....
5. Clay Street.....	67 00	67 00	14 35	14 35	24 26	24 26	208 64	.....	570 13	2,862 98	5 84	2	50	390	9	760	3	10	.....
6. Laurel Street.....	.....	12 50	.....	2 75	.....	.....	155 00	1,773 45	237 68	2,821 38	10 98	1	22	150	4	200	1	3	1
7. Union.....	52 50	52 50	11 90	11 90	19 82	19 82	381 00	700 00	250 00	3,203 99	8 22	1	37	260	.....	361	30	1	2
8. Nicholson Street.....	7 40	.....	1 55	.....	2 78	.....	23 84	.....	60 70	154 27	1 50	1	15	71	1	90	9	.....	.....
9. Manchester and Fifth St.	46 44	46 50	9 56	9 56	17 46	17 60	455 54	.....	605 28	2,614 00	5 16	3	68	272	.....	660	8	6	1
10. Henrico.....	37 48	34 64	7 50	7 50	12 60	6 50	102 90	.....	241 94	1,158 02	3 01	4	51	316	4	690	4	1	.....
11. Charles City.....	37 48	37 48	8 29	8 29	14 60	14 60	30 00	.....	80 00	672 37	2 10	3	30	190	15	800	9	3	1
12. New Kent.....	37 00	9 50	8 00	7 50	12 00	4 00	169 65	37 00	50 00	818 65	3 65	3	46	187	.....	475	1	1	.....
13. West New Kent.....	15 00	15 00	3 70	3 70	7 51	7 51	40 00	101 00	250 00	875 30	4 68	4	43	173	7	250	8	11	1
14. Williamsburg.....	6 20	6 20	1 30	1 30	2 50	2 50	16 00	.....	104 83	421 11	6 28	1	6	55	4	170	5	.....	.....
15. Jamestown.....	6 22	5 25	1 30	1 00	2 30	2 00	5 00	.....	28 50	265 23	3 19	1	6	31	.....	.....	.....	2	1
16. Gloucester.....	140 00	54 00	30 00	19 00	53 00	20 00	200 00	600 00	40 00	2,002 33	2 22	7	130	695	13	750	18	41	.....
17. Matthews.....	106 05	65 00	21 08	21 08	37 14	27 14	70 00	1,350 00	75 00	2,961 67	3 73	5	62	424	25	0	9	45	1
18. West Matthews.....	25 00	25 00	7 50	7 50	7 67	7 67	72 03	456 82	48 00	1,088 85	2 98	3	38	200	35	300	21	4	1
Totals for 1880.....	1,000 00	792 19	213 00	191 71	375 00	289 98	3,450 41	6,880 77	8,384 04	40,328 60	6 15	43	751	4,279	200	8,504	169	178	14
Totals for 1879.....	1,000 00	828 07	213 00	198 18	375 00	309 28	3,032 85	2,670 00	7,283 10	34,448 82	5 22	44	742	4,324	202	7,715	240	240	13
Increase.....	417 56	4,210 77	1,100 94	5,879 78	93	9	733
Decrease.....	35 88	6 47	19 30	1	45	2	71	62

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RICHMOND DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Protes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Death.	Re- movals.	With- draws.	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Trinity.....	468	.....	468	446	22	.....	45	20	65	7	24	12	.....	43	1	\$45,000 00	...	.....	\$2,000 00
2. Broad Street	350	.....	350	335	15	.....	30	7	37	9	13	.....	.....	22	1	50,000 00	...	.....	750 00
3. Centenary.....	469	.....	469	465	4	.....	15	23	38	6	24	4	.....	34	1	35,000 00	...	.....	4,000 00
4. Park Place.....	216	.....	216	208	8	.....	14	12	26	7	8	3	.....	18	1	16,000 00	...	.....	800 00
5. Clay Street.....	490	.....	490	518	.....	23	8	12	20	11	27	4	1	43	1	12,000 00	...	.....	700 00
6. Laurel Street.....	257	.....	257	260	.....	3	9	20	29	4	24	4	.....	32	1	1,500 00	...	.....	2,675 00
7. Union.....	390	.....	390	376	14	.....	53	17	70	4	43	4	5	56	1	15,000 00	1	3,000 00	1,200 00
8. Nicholson Street	103	.....	103	97	6	.....	17	.....	17	.....	11	.....	.....	11	1	1,000 00	...	.....	50 00
9. Manchester and Fifth St.	507	.....	507	537	.....	30	7	12	19	7	36	4	2	49	1	8,000 00	1	2,000 00	750 00
10. Henrico	384	1	385	380	5	.....	16	.....	16	4	2	2	3	11	3	3,500 00	1	600 00	300 00
11. Charles City.....	319	1	320	322	.....	2	21	3	24	6	11	9	.....	26	4	6,500 00	...	.....	300 00
12. New Kent.....	222	2	224	238	.....	14	2	.....	2	3	10	3	.....	16	4	3,600 00	...	.....	200 00
13. West New Kent.....	186	1	187	225	.....	38	10	5	15	1	51	1	.....	53	4	4,000 00	...	.....	500 00
14. Williamsburg.....	67	.....	67	65	2	.....	6	6	12	2	7	1	.....	10	1	3,000 00	...	.....	150 00
15. Jamestown.....	83	.....	83	102	.....	19	1	.....	1	1	19	.....	.....	20	3	1,800 00	...	.....	100 00
16. Gloucester.....	900	1	901	931	.....	30	49	4	53	45	56	12	.....	83	6	8,000 00	...	.....	400 00
17. Matthews....	790	2	792	770	22	.....	40	4	44	8	13	1	.....	22	5	6,700 00	1	1,200 00	375 00
18. West Matthews.....	366	.....	366	299	67	.....	75	4	79	4	5	3	.....	12	3	2,000 00	...	.....	100 00
Totals for 1880.....	6,567	8	6,575	6,569	165	159	418	149	567	99	384	67	11	561	42	222,600 00	4	6,800 00	15,350 00
Totals for 1879.....	6,599	7	6,606	6,606	.....	.....	486	145	631	80	225	62	2	369	41	225,100 00	...	6,525 00	11,110 00
Increase.....	.....	1	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	4	.....	19	159	5	9	192	1	.....	.....	275 00	4,240 00
Decrease.....	32	.....	31	37	.....	.....	68	.....	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	2,500 00	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.															
		SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				
PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIS'T.....	J. M. ANDERSON, P. E.....														
1. Charlottesville.....	J. W. Bledsoe.....			\$22 00	\$300 00	\$ 87 50	\$ 87 50	1,000 00	\$1,000 00		\$27 00		\$30 00		\$19 05
2. Albemarle.....	F. M. Edwards.....			21 00	100 00	115 00	97 00	800 00	673 19	\$144 81	33 00		30 00		
3. Louisa.....	E. H. Pritchett.....					138 00	112 96	800 00	654 60	170 44	8 25		11 30		
4. Scottsville	Geo. M. Wright.....			15 00		63 25	51 00	700 00	583 00	129 25	20 00		33 00		
5. Fluvanna.....	W. E. Payne.....			16 00	100 00	80 50	80 50	500 00	500 00		15 00		25 00	6 50	
6. Milton.....	C. E. Wren			13 00		45 00	15 00	320 00	145 19	204 81	2 14		4 00		
7. Batesville.....	R. Ferguson.....		11 70	23 00	50 00	126 50	117 74	650 00	604 91	53 85	3 95		17 10		
8. Gordonsville and Orange	H. M. Hope.....			13 00		46 00	46 00	393 00	393 00		20 75		19 93		
9. Orange Circuit.....	J. N. Rosser.....			9 00		31 00	31 00	239 00	239 00		6 00		8 00		
10. Culpeper	J. M. Burton		25 00	8 00		28 70	28 70	400 00	400 00		13 00		17 00		
11. Culpeper Circuit.....	E. G. Chandler		9 00	10 00		57 50	57 50	258 95	258 95		12 00		14 91		
12. Rappahannock.....	J. H. Crown.....			18 00	100 00	94 30	76 00	600 00	512 00	106 30	15 00		25 00		
13. Woodville	John O. Moss.....							118 50	118 50				15 00		
14. Madison.....	Oscar Littleton.....		8 00	26 00	150 00	132 25	119 70	750 00	678 85	83 70	50 00		51 16		15 55
15. Robinson River.....	G. H. Zimmerman.....		8 08			28 00	9 75	200 00	157 75	60 50	2 00	1 00	2 00		
16. Greene.....	R. W. Watts.....		8 00	23 00	100 00	126 50	102 46	800 00	647 52	176 52	30 00		32 00		
17. Piedmont Mission.....	George W. Bailey.....							50 00	50 00						
18. Barbours'le & Eley's Ford	Richard Stephens.....							31 64	31 64						
Totals for 1880.....			69 78	217 00	900 00	1,200 00	1,032 81	8,611 09	7,648 10	1,130 18	258 09	1 00	335 40	6 50	34 60
Totals for 1879.....						1,200 00	1,042 58	8,830 50	7,912 40	1,132 70	202 54	27 50	289 24	36 50	34 60
Increase.....											55 55		46 16		
Decrease.....												26 50		30 00	

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assess'd.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Charlottesville.....	\$40 00	\$40 00	\$11 00	\$11 00	\$17 00	\$17 00	\$175 00	.....	\$900 00	\$2,628 55	\$11 10	1	27	210	4	800	7	3	.....
2. Albemarle.....	73 77	44 50	15 30	7 50	27 01	22 00	10 00	\$ 75 00	.....	1,113 19	2 60	5	25	230	3	100	12	.....	.....
3. Louisa.....	.....	23 60	.....	4 05	.....	6 36	27 30	577 94	83 00	1,509 36	2 07	9	48	367	3	280	6	2	2
4. Scottsville.....	39 70	39 70	8 42	8 42	14 86	14 86	71 00	150 00	204 00	1,189 98	1 97	8	60	380	20	800	45	10	2
5. Fluvanna.....	50 20	39 00	10 71	8 00	18 92	10 00	45 45	35 00	105 85	986 30	1 80	6	50	300	15	650	48	2	1
6. Milton.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	194 33	50	5	26	269	10	100	8	2	1
7. Batesville.....	79 10	30 00	16 73	7 00	29 72	22 00	50 00	600 00	800 00	2,337 40	5 35	5	47	282	10	650	13	8	.....
8. Gordonsville and Orange	28 80	29 00	6 12	6 25	10 80	11 00	52 00	.....	279 99	870 92	6 00	2	13	136	5	350	4	2	.....
9. Orange Circuit.....	9 30	3 90	4 12	2 00	7 26	4 00	6 25	.....	15 00	324 15	1 33	3	26	110	6	350	25	3	.....
10. Culpeper.....	17 97	18 00	3 82	4 00	6 72	7 00	28 00	139 99	65 18	753 87	9 42	1	9	46	1	140	.....	.....	.....
11. Culpeper Circuit.....	36 00	25 00	7 65	7 65	13 52	13 52	19 50	51 50	25 00	504 53	1 64	4	29	153	8	430	11	1	.....
12. Rappahannock.....	40 00	20 00	12 00	8 00	18 00	12 00	36 00	50 00	30 00	902 00	2 82	4	30	125	2	350	6	2	.....
13. Woodville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	456 60	4 00	594 10	6 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	6	.....	.....
14. Madison.....	82 80	75 00	17 59	15 00	31 07	23 77	45 00	482 83	64 10	1,804 96	4 79	5	58	245	.....	350	2	8	.....
15. Robinson River.....	14 00	3 00	3 06	.....	5 38	.....	18 75	.....	.....	202 33	1 12	4	30	153	1	.....	2	.....	.....
16. Greene.....	79 10	45 00	16 83	16 83	29 72	15 72	25 00	425 00	30 00	1,500 53	3 04	6	23	300	8	500	14	4	1
17. Piedmont Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	350 00	.....	410 00	1 25	6	20	150	2	.....	14	4	2
18. Barbours'le & Eley's Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 51	.....	.....	34 15	50	1	6	24	3	75	.....	3	.....
Totals for 1880.....	720 00	435 70	153 00	105 70	270 00	179 23	636 76	3,393 86	2 606 12	17,860 65	3 00	75	527	3480	101	6125	223	54	12
Totals for 1879.....	720 00	447 54	153 00	106 39	270 00	166 17	764 50	2,581 71	2,058 33	15,782 10	2 69	78	609	3550	341	6173	467	67	13
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 06	.....	812 15	547 74	2,078 53	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	11 84	.....	69	.....	.....	127 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	82	70	240	48	244	13	1

CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH													CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.				LOSSES				No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals	With- draws	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Charlottesville.....	237	.....	237	232	5	.....	11	5	16	1	8	2	.....	11	1	\$ 8,000 00	1	\$3,000 00	\$600 00
2. Albemarle.....	427	1	428	429	.....	1	12	5	17	9	5	4	.....	18	6	3,800 00	1	1,000 00	100 00
3. Louisa.....	722	5	727	717	10	.....	9	9	18	7	.....	1	.....	8	8	13,000 00	1	2,200 00	5 00
4. Scottsville.....	591	4	595	544	51	.....	80	16	96	10	15	20	.....	45	7	4,700 00	.....	.....	.....
5. Fluvanna.....	544	3	547	500	47	.....	50	2	52	4	1	.....	.....	5	6	4,500 00	1	800 00	295 00
6. Milton.....	387	.....	387	400	.....	13	22	.....	22	.....	30	5	.....	35	5	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....
7. Batesville.....	429	8	437	441	.....	4	31	1	32	5	27	2	2	36	6	5,500 00	1	1,800 00	150 00
8. Gordonsville and Orange	145	.....	145	139	6	.....	8	1	9	1	2	.....	.....	3	2	7,500 00	.....	.....	425 00
9. Orange Circuit.....	244	.....	244	216	28	.....	29	4	33	2	1	2	.....	5	4	4,000 00	.....	.....	.....
10. Culpeper.....	80	.....	80	86	.....	6	.....	4	4	2	7	1	.....	10	1	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....
11. Culpeper Circuit.....	306	.....	306	298	8	.....	13	6	19	7	1	.....	3	11	2	1,500 00	.....	.....	100 00
12. Rappahannock.....	318	2	320	317	3	.....	8	2	10	4	3	.....	.....	7	4	5,000 00	1	700 00	50 00
13. Woodville.....	92	.....	92	87	5	.....	7	2	9	2	.....	1	1	4	1	1,000 00	.....	.....	500 00
14. Madison.....	374	.....	374	377	.....	3	8	1	9	3	4	5	.....	12	6	7,000 00	1	1,500 00	250 00
15. Robinson River.....	180	2	182	180	2	.....	2	1	3	.....	1	.....	.....	1	4	1,400 00	.....	.....	.....
16. Greene.....	490	3	493	503	.....	10	14	2	16	3	23	.....	.....	26	8	5,300 00	1	800 00	200 00
17. Piedmont Mission.....	322	.....	322	312	10	.....	14	3	17	3	1	.....	3	7	3	800 00	.....	.....	.....
18. Barbours'le & Eley's Ford	68	.....	68	12	56	.....	.....	56	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	300 00	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	5956	28	5984	5790	231	37	318	120	438	63	129	43	9	244	75	76,306 00	8	11,800 00	2,675 00
Totals for 1879.....	5831	25	5856	5856	.....	.....	615	535	1150	67	654	116	18	855	74	74,700 00	8	10,800 00	2,590 10
Increase.....	125	3	128	.....	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,600 00	.....	1 000 00	84 90
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	66	.....	.....	297	415	712	4	525	73	9	611	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.....	D. P. Wills, P. E.....														
1. Centenary.....	J. S. Hunter.....				\$400 00	\$150 00	\$150 00	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00			\$72 54	\$ 90 33		\$20 00
2. Court Street.....	A. C. Bledsoe.....		\$11 00		400 00	210 00	210 00	1,800 00	1,800 00		101 53		127 00		71 60
3. Madison.....	John Bayley.....							300 00	257 65	42 35			5 00	\$5 00	
4. Amherst.....	John T. Moore.....					90 00	90 00	495 25	495 25		15 62	1 00	38 00		
5. West Amherst.....	W. F. Robins.....					85 00	85 00	700 00	690 85	9 15	18 00		16 00	3 00	
6. Mount Pleasant.....	J. H. Kubler.....					75 00	65 20	425 00	370 21	64 59	20 00		26 65		
7. Bedford.....	{ W. F. Bain..... D. Dewitt.....		10 30		150 00	125 00	91 41	850 00	641 98	275 33	17 00		42 00		
8. Southeast Bedford.....	J. W. Compton.....		30 00			25 00	14 88	400 00	238 16	171 96	10 55		15 00		
9. Middle Bedford.....	R. H. Younger.....		20 00		50 00	25 00	22 80	400 00	363 20	39 00	12 09		15 06		1 50
10. North Bedford.....	J. G. Lennon.....					25 00	25 00	300 00	300 00		5 09		7 00		
11. Liberty.....	John N. Jones.....				68 00	100 00	82 89	632 00	512 00	137 11	46 00		41 00	5 00	21 00
12. Bedford Springs.....	C. E. Watts.....					75 00	59 76	540 00	430 29	124 95	6 65		12 00		
13. Nelson.....	W. H. Gregory.....				100 00	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00		10 00		35 00		
14. Appomattox.....	{ T. J. Taylor..... J. W. Carroll.....							121 69	121 69						
15. Campbell.....	James O. Moss.....		10 00		150 00	100 00	100 00	750 00	750 00		35 00		44 37		1 56
16. South Campbell.....	N. B. Foushee.....					40 00	40 00	214 43	214 43		6 50		7 11		
17. Prospect.....	H. C. Cheatham.....				100 00	100 00	92 34	700 00	647 00	60 66		18 62		61 00	
18. Bedford Mission.....	M. L. Bishop.....														
19. Glenmore Mission.....	Wm. Williams.....							100 00	100 00				1 35	4 00	
TOTALS FOR 1880.....					1,418 00	1,365 00	1,272 28	11,278 37	10,445 99	925 10	317 15	92 16	532 63	83 74	115 66
TOTALS FOR 1879.....						1,440 00	1,265 22	12,898 85	11,536 25	915 78	454 85	5 85	508 62	39 36	
Increase.....												86 31	24 01	44 38	115 66
Decrease.....											137 70				

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for all Purposes.	The Average per Member	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Centenary	\$ 93 74	\$ 96 74	\$20 55	20 55	\$36 25	36 25	\$305 00	\$ 108 55	\$1,028 67	\$3,528 63	\$ 9 66	1	39	214	5	475	6	3	2
2. Court Street.....	135 40	136 00	28 77	29 00	50 75	50 75	396 15	1,000 00	1,829 44	6,162 47	12 20	2	45	280	16	500	20	33	1
3. Madison.....							57 31	114 75	22 45	462 16	2 36	3	35	237	22	170	19	18	.....
4. Amherst	58 02	30 10	12 33	7 15	21 77	12 85	85 10	400 00	42 35	1,217 42	3 52	6	50	266	14	325	29	9	1
5. West Amherst.....	54 85	28 00	11 65	6 13	20 55	12 00	153 94	107 46	34 45	1,154 77	2 52	9	50	500	.....	400	46	5	1
6. Mount Pleasant....	48 40	12 00	10 28	5 00	18 13	6 71	14 00	55 50	1,050 00	1,625 27	4 39	6	29	440	20	300	11	7	3
7. Bedford.....	80 59	41 00	17 12	12 00	30 22	15 00	38 80	53 45	80 00	1,309 22	1 84	4	73	470	20	521	9	15	2
8. Southeast Bedford.....	16 07	16 00	3 42	3 42	6 05	5 00	15 00	25 00	150 00	523 01	1 58	4	52	190	6	300	8	4	2
9. Middle Bedford.....	16 07	16 07	3 40	3 40	6 05	6 05	15 00	100 00	172 55	797 72	1 97	5	23	287	25	550	17	3	1
10. North Bedford.....	16 08	16 08	3 42	3 42	6 05	6 05	2 00	300 00	26 00	690 64	2 42	3	26	117	.....	75	.....	.....	2
11. Liberty.....	25 80	25 80	5 48	5 48	9 68	9 68	25 00	.....	70 00	804 58	5 78	2	16	149	1	248	4	15	.....
12. Bedford Springs.....	64 50	64 50	13 70	13 70	24 18	24 18	84 50	172 00	5 00	1,139 77	3 40	15	89	3 50	10	685	11	4	.....
13. Nelson.....	48 20	48 20	10 28	7 00	18 18	9 00	75 00	10 00	704 00	1,351 17	3 68	4	35	250	3	440	8	4	1
14. Appomattox.....	64 50	35 00	13 70	10 00	24 18	10 00	205 00	75 00	250 00	1,551 69	2 03	9	100	500	100	300	75	3	3
15. Campbell.....	64 50	29 40	13 70	10 00	24 18	20 00	82 02	590 30	9 75	1,832 40	3 76	9	60	360	10	500	12	2	.....
16. South Campbell.....	25 79	7 00	5 48	4 40	9 68	5 00	33 00	54 00	7 00	378 44	2 33	3	23	130	5	160	11	1	.....
17. Prospect.....	64 50	64 50	13 20	13 20	24 18	24 18	50 52	102 00	30 45	1,203 81	3 00	4	52	290	2	200	4	1	2
18. Bedford Mission.....												1	10	94	.....	50			.....
19. Glenmore Mission.....							30 97	9 50	1 70	147 52	1 89	2	25	128	7	.....	13		.....
Totals for 1880.....	880 00	655 65	187 00	153 85	330 00	252 70	1,668 31	3,277 45	5,513 81	25,880 69	3 85	92	832	5,252	266	6,199	303	127	21
Totals for 1879.....	880 00	573 81	187 00	133 27	330 00	225 92	893 79	2,411 58	4,597 14	22,742 81	3 22	83	859	4,777	191	5,556	309	96	22
Increase.....		81 85		20 58		26 78	774 52	865 87	916 67	3,137 88	63	9	.....	475	75	643	.....	31	.....
Decrease.....													27				6		1

LYNCHBURG DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.													CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.	LOSSES.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.							
													Profes- sion of Faith.	Certif- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals		Expul- sions.	Total Losses.
1. Centenary	365	.....	365	390	.....	25	11	15	26	8	41	2	.....	51	1	\$17,000 00	1	\$4,500 00	\$ 900 00
2. Court Street.....	505	.....	505	500	5	.....	29	10	39	12	15	7	.....	34	2	26,000 00	1	6,000 00	4,000 00
3. Madison.....	196	.....	196	163	33	.....	37	3	40	1	3	3	.....	7	3	2,250 00	.....	.....	500 00
4. Amherst.....	346	.....	346	313	33	.....	34	6	40	2	3	2	.....	7	5	3,840 00	1	1,200 00	370 00
5. West Amherst.....	458	.....	458	406	52	.....	67	2	69	4	12	1	.....	17	5	3,600 00	.....	.....	2,750 00
6. Mount Pleasant....	370	.....	370	355	15	.....	15	2	17	.....	2	.....	.....	2	6	4,200 00	1	1,000 00	50 00
7. Bedford.....	706	3	709	694	15	.....	19	18	37	5	14	3	.....	22	5	6,500 00	1	2,500 00	2,100 00
8. Southeast Bedford.....	330	.....	330	774	.....	444	8	11	19	1	455	7	.....	463	6	1,550 00	.....	.....	168 00
9. Middle Bedford.....	404	.....	404	.....	404	.....	23	393	416	5	5	2	.....	12	4	2,500 00	1	1,000 00	15 00
10. North Bedford.....	286	.....	286	246	40	.....	51	.....	51	3	6	2	.....	11	2	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....
11. Liberty.....	137	.....	137	127	10	.....	12	7	19	2	6	1	.....	9	1	2,500 00	.....	.....	175 00
12. Bedford Springs.....	335	.....	335	320	15	.....	27	12	39	2	19	3	.....	24	5	5,800 00	.....	.....	275 00
13. Nelson.....	367	.....	367	365	2	.....	17	.....	17	3	12	.....	.....	15	6	4,000 00	1	1,200 00	125 00
14. Appomattox.....	761	2	763	523	240	.....	222	65	237	5	25	17	.....	47	9	6,500 00	1	1,000 00	200 00
15. Campbell.....	485	.....	485	473	12	.....	26	4	30	5	10	3	.....	18	8	6,500 00	1	1,350 00	.....
16. South Campbell.....	162	.....	162	146	16	.....	11	10	21	2	3	.....	.....	5	2	1,000 00	.....	.....	150 00
17. Prospect.....	402	.....	402	466	.....	64	7	7	14	3	75	.....	.....	78	4	4,000 00	1	1,000 00	.....
18. Bedford Mission.....	24	.....	24	.....	24	.....	24	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19. Glenmore Mission.....	78	.....	78	.....	78	.....	21	58	79	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	200 00	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	6,717	5	6,722	6,261	994	533	661	623	1,284	64	706	53	.....	823	75	98,940 00	10	20,750 00	9,303 00
Totals for 1879.....	6,725	15	6,740	6,740	213	.....	525	210	735	89	381	51	1	522	77	99,550 00	9	19,750 00	9,740 00
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	461	.....	136	413	549	.....	325	2	.....	301	.....	.....	1	1,000 00	.....
Decrease.....	8	10	18	479	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	1	.....	2	610 00	.....	.....	437 00

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.											MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				
PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
DANVILLE DISTRICT.....	L. S. REED, P. E.....														
1. Main Street.....	P. A. Peterson.....				\$450 00	\$165 00	\$165 00	\$1,750 00	\$1,750 00		\$163 47	\$6 72	\$133 00	\$10 00	\$88 55
2. Lynn Street.....	R. A. Compton.....				300 00	75 00	75 00	1,200 00	1,200 00		40 00		55 65		
3. North Danville.....	J. H. Patterson.....					50 00	50 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		20 04		24 00		17 00
4. Charlotte.....	{ W. B. Rowzie..... E. A. Gibbs.....					120 00	101 02	350 00	301 20	67 78	6 42	1 00	6 43	1 00	
5. West Charlotte.....	J. S. Wallace.....		8 15			75 00	71 00	225 00	213 00	16 00	13 00		14 00		
6. South Boston.....	J. W. Crider.....					80 00	63 84	680 00	621 48	74 68	12 00		10 00		
7. South of Dan.....	B. S. Herring.....					65 00	49 35	400 00	303 65	112 00	12 00		16 00		
8. Chatham.....	R. B. Blankenship.....					75 00	69 00	300 00	276 65	29 35	28 41		35 12		
9. Pittsylvania.....	J. D. Southall.....				50 00	100 00	62 30	700 00	446 66	291 04	26 01		26 30		
10. North Pittsylvania.....	W. T. Green.....		15 00			60 00	37 45	250 00	156 00	116 55	20 00		20 00		
11. Northwest Pittsylvania..	John G. Bailey.....					15 00	15 00	145 00	145 00		5 00		1 35		
12. Franklin.....	J. E. Deshazo.....		20 00		60 00	115 00	63 62	500 00	267 63	283 75	35 00		40 00		
13. West Franklin.....	T. P. Duke.....		15 00			35 00	15 00	150 00	64 00	106 00	4 00		5 00		
14. East Franklin.....	R. A. Lee.....					85 00	68 85	242 00	195 37	62 78	7 00				
15. Henry.....	J. W. Tucker.....				75 00	110 00	76 83	600 00	419 09	214 08	23 00		25 00		
16. Patrick.....	N. J. Pruden.....		2 00			75 00	58 00	350 00	284 27	82 73	21 75		24 75		
17. South Patrick.....	D. J. Traynham.....				25 00	20 00	20 00	230 00	130 32	99 68	9 00		9 00		
18. Halifax.....	J. E. Gates.....		21 30		50 00	80 00	50 88	700 00	463 55	265 57	11 17	3 32	11 17	3 33	
19. East Halifax.....	R. F. Gayle.....		10 00			40 00	33 86	200 00	169 29	36 85	10 00		15 00		
	Totals for 1880.....		91 45		1,010 00	1,440 00	1,146 00	9,972 00	8,407 16	1,858 84	467 27	11 04	471 77	14 33	105 55
	Totals for 1879.....					1,600 00	1,126 13	9,914 66	7,887 15	2,501 38	287 43	20 75	217 75	23 57	
	Increase.....										179 84		254 02		105 55
	Decrease.....											9 71		9 24	

DANVILLE DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for All Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Main Street.....	\$38 50	\$52 15	\$ 8 50	\$20 00	\$14 50	\$20 00	\$220 05	\$375 00	\$614 00	\$4,067 94	\$13 57	1	28	206	4	350	4	2	2
2. Lynn Street.....	20 00	20 00	4 50	5 00	7 50	8 00	240 00	.....	320 00	2,263 65	13 31	1	19	124	13	400	9	4	.....
3. North Danville.....	13 50	13 50	3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	183 93	.....	136 54	1,453 01	16 22	1	17	122	33	.....	32	2	.....
4. Charlotte.....	32 00	32 00	7 00	7 00	12 00	12 00	18 00	85 00	.....	571 07	2 36	4	24	122	8	.....	20	3	.....
5. West Charlotte.....	26 50	26 50	6 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	9 00	.....	.....	370 65	1 62	3	27	141	11	195	27	1	1
6. South Boston.....	.....	10 00	.....	5 00	14 00	11 00	.....	1,500 00	150 00	2,383 32	6 98	5	25	270	.....	200	18	14	1
7. South of Dan.....	31 00	9 00	6 00	3 00	11 50	6 00	50 00	205 00	15 00	669 00	2 91	6	30	270	5	80	9	.....	1
8. Chatham ..	37 00	37 70	8 00	8 00	14 00	14 90	10 00	142 00	.....	621 78	2 18	3	28	210	.....	244	18	.....	1
9. Pittsylvania.....	42 00	32 33	9 00	7 75	16 00	13 05	11 00	65 00	7 55	747 95	2 50	2	16	127	3	12	1	1	1
10. North Pittsylvania.....	29 00	10 00	8 00	6 00	15 00	4 00	8 00	200 00	17 00	493 45	1 80	4	23	154	.....	150	5	.....	1
11. Northwest Pittsylvania..	14 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	5 00	.....	45 00	1,000 00	.....	1,215 35	10 75	4	32	180	.....	373	6	1	1
12. Franklin	48 00	38 15	10 00	7 00	17 00	8 10	34 31	.....	64 81	638 62	1 90	5	44	250	.....	300	.....	.....	.....
13. West Franklin.....	26 00	4 00	5 00	1 00	10 00	1 00	1 87	.....	.....	110 87	56	4	29	153	.....	185	22	.....	1
14. East Franklin.....	46 00	.....	10 00	10 00	17 00	.....	12 36	98 98	.....	392 56	1 28	3	22	150	30	50	16	2	3
15. Henry..	42 00	16 00	9 00	9 00	16 00	.....	20 00	.....	155 00	818 92	2 62	6	56	386	2	792	2	1	1
16. Patrick.....	29 50	29 50	6 00	6 00	11 00	11 00	14 67	58 27	10 00	520 21	2 55	4	30	220	.....	200	4	.....	.....
17. South Patrick. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	208 32	71	9	30	346	12	100	12	.....	1
18. Halifax.....	47 00	34 76	10 00	10 00	17 50	17 50	13 58	282 40	19 03	991 99	3 58	3	34	132	8	316	8	1	.....
19. East Halifax	18 00	12 00	4 00	6 75	7 00	7 56	8 00	.....	18 00	290 46	2 82	1	8	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	640 00	379 59	136 00	122 50	240 00	149 11	914 77	4,011 65	1,526 93	18,829 12	4 09	69	522	3613	129	3947	213	32	15
Totals for 1879	640 00	324 35	136 00	76 56	240 00	122 60	744 53	3,381 68	1,366 05	15,721 02	3 39	75	590	3804	154	3821	281	29	14
Increase.....	.....	55 24	.....	45 94	.....	26 51	170 24	629 97	160 83	3,108 10	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	126	68	3	1
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	68	191	25	.....	.....	.....	.....

DANVILLE DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH													CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value,	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Main Street.....	299	.....	299	283	16	.....	4	32	36	3	16	1	.....	20	1	\$21,000 00	1	\$5,000 00	\$500 00
2. Lynn Street.....	170	.....	170	238	.....	68	15	10	25	3	64	26	.....	93	1	10,000 00	...	.....	2,000 00
3. North Danville	92	.....	92	.....	92	.....	42	52	94	.....	.....	2	.....	2	1	3,000 00	...	.....	100 00
4. Charlotte..	252	.....	252	226	26	.....	40	3	43	2	15	.....	.....	17	4	5,500 00	...	.....	.....
5. West Charlotte.....	224	4	228	190	38	.....	38	6	44	3	1	2	.....	6	4	2,000 00	...	.....	.....
6. South Boston.....	340	1	341	321	20	.....	20	4	24	2	2	.....	.....	4	4	4,500 00	1	1,200 00	150 00
7. South of Dan.....	230	.....	230	220	10	.....	11	14	25	5	10	.....	.....	15	3	2,500 00	...	.....	.....
8. Chatham...	286	.....	286	271	15	.....	20	4	24	2	7	.....	.....	9	4	3,200 00	...	.....	100 00
9. Pittsylvania	297	2	299	314	.....	15	.....	5	5	3	17	.....	.....	20	6	3,000 00	1	600 00	.....
10. North Pittsylvania.....	274	.....	274	280	.....	6	8	.....	8	2	12	.....	.....	14	4	2,800 00	...	.....	100 00
11. Northwest Pittsylvania..	113	.....	113	100	13	.....	5	18	23	2	.....	8	.....	10	3	2,250 00	...	.....	.....
12. Franklin..	335	1	336	350	.....	14	.....	4	4	10	5	1	2	18	5	4,725 00	1	950 00	200 00
13. West Franklin.....	199	.....	199	186	13	.....	25	3	28	2	13	.....	.....	15	4	900 00	...	.....	.....
14. East Franklin.....	303	.....	303	338	.....	35	20	2	22	4	53	.....	.....	57	3	600 00	...	.....	.....
15. Henry.....	313	.....	313	310	3	.....	4	5	9	5	.....	1	.....	6	5	3,600 00	1	1,500 00	30 00
16. Patrick.....	197	7	204	221	.....	17	6	.....	6	3	17	.....	3	23	5	4,500 00	...	.....	300 00
17. South Patrick.....	283	11	294	348	.....	54	13	.....	13	2	44	10	11	67	6	550 00	...	.....	75 00
18. Halifax.....	276	.....	276	303	.....	27	12	2	14	5	30	6	.....	41	4	2,000 00	1	1,500 00	.....
19. East Halifax.....	103	.....	103	126	.....	23	1	.....	1	1	23	.....	.....	24	3	900 00	...	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	4586	26	4612	4625	246	259	284	164	448	59	329	48	25	461	70	77,525 00	6	10,750 00	3,555 00
Totals for 1879	4590	35	4625	4625	171	.....	375	551	926	38	675	38	4	755	73	77,953 00	6	10,450 00	3,450 10
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	4	9	13	.....	.....	13	91	387	478	21	346	10	21	294	3	428 00	.....	300 00	105 00

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....	E. M. PETERSON, P. E....			\$200 00											
1. Farmville.....	J. F. Twitty.....				\$250 00	\$120 00	\$120 00	\$900 00	\$900 00		\$45 00		\$ 20 00	\$20 00	\$8 08
2. Prince Edward.....	J. R. Waggener.....					80 00	37 18	565 00	260 32	347 50	7 00		7 00		
3. Burkeville.....	J. W. Stiff.....		4 45			40 00	26 71	290 00	194 61	108 68	9 60	8 65	19 21	13 56	
4. Lunenburg.....	T. M. Beckham.....				50 00	130 00	95 25	850 00	659 56	225 19	12 14		95 00		21 76
5. West Lunenburg.....	R. B. Scott.....					40 00	19 32	230 00	132 44	118 24			15 00	3 00	
6. Boydton.....	W. O. Waggener.....		12 50			60 00	56 00	450 00	421 00	33 00	20 00		61 00	20 00	40 00
7. Boydton Circuit	W. R. Smitley.....					80 00	71 06	425 00	377 54	56 40	30 00		33 00		
8. Clarkesville.....	Charles W. Cain.....					25 00	17 50	200 00	82 50	125 00		18 22		3 86	
9. Mecklenburg	T. H. Boggs.....		5 30		75 00	170 00	164 70	700 00	682 03	23 27	70 00		322 78	12 22	
10. Brunswick.....	J. M. Saunders.....				100 00	80 00	80 00	700 00	700 00		15 00		15 00	13 00	40 00
11. West Brunswick.	J. T. Lumpkin.....		16 50		75 00	80 00	72 96	508 50	463 83	51 71	20 00		67 00	22 54	
12. South Brunswick.....	W. H. Atwill.....				50 00	110 00	110 00	650 00	650 00		50 00		52 70		
13. Nottoway.....	J. C. Reed.....				150 00	145 00	120 50	800 00	664 57	159 93	60 00		114 14	40 22	14 25
14. Amella ..	J. W. Blincoe....				100 00	105 00	83 45	800 00	635 85	185 70	30 00		41 18		
15. Cumberland.....	J. Q. Rhodes.....				50 00	105 00	69 35	710 00	467 90	277 75	20 00		30 00		
16. Cartersville.....	C. D. Crawley.....				75 00	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00		30 00		35 00		10 60
17. Dennisville Mission.....															
18. Buckingham.....	J. W. Howard.....					60 00	39 50	500 00	329 16	191 34	12 00		12 00		
	Totals for 1880		38 75	200 00	975 00	1,530 00	1,283 48	9,878 50	8,221 31	1,903 71	430 74	26 87	940 41	148 40	134 09
	Totals for 1879.....					1,420 00	1,224 21	9,431 00	8,145 90	1,480 89	448 67	29 33	779 28	74 93	
	Increase.....												161 13	73 47	134 09
	Decrease.....										17 93	2 46			

FARMVILLE DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for All Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Farmville.....	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	\$12 00	\$12 00	\$22 00	\$22 00	\$46 86	.....	\$187 00	\$1,890 94	\$13 00	1	16	84	.....	300	4	5	1
2. Prince Edward.....	10 00	7 00	10 00	4 00	10 00	5 00	20 00	.....	.....	347 50	1 46	2	36	120	12	400	22	4	.....
3. Burkeville.....	22 00	22 00	5 00	5 00	7 00	7 00	20 76	283 50	20 73	635 78	3 55	3	26	135	2	85	7	2	2
4. Lunenburg.....	76 00	20 16	16 00	10 00	27 00	11 68	35 00	685 00	35 00	1,730 55	2 94	7	43	276	.....	550	.....	14	.....
5. West Lunenburg.....	20 00	5 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	18 00	240 00	.....	443 76	2 77	4	16	180	8	330	7	5	.....
6. Boydton.....	25 00	25 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	31 00	59 00	58 00	818 50	11 21	1	12	70	.....	212	.....	15	.....
7. Boydton Circuit.....	53 00	30 00	10 00	5 30	20 60	5 00	20 00	.....	30 00	601 90	2 08	6	49	200	1	225	8	1	1
8. Clarkesville.....	15 00	8 50	4 00	4 00	10 00	.....	.....	380 00	25 00	539 58	8 30	1	7	42	.....	250	.....	1	1
9. Mecklenburg.....	92 00	92 00	18 00	18 00	32 00	33 00	45 00	91 00	19 00	1,630 03	2 06	10	85	422	.....	500	21	18	2
10. Brunswick.....	50 00	50 00	11 00	11 00	15 00	15 00	30 00	.....	40 00	1,109 00	2 08	11	73	450	7	850	15	8	2
11. West Brunswick.....	40 00	40 00	9 00	10 00	17 00	17 00	59 25	180 79	32 00	1,077 27	2 56	5	45	272	9	440	3	2	3
12. South Brunswick.....	50 00	50 00	11 25	11 25	20 00	20 00	40 00	1,050 00	.....	2,083 95	3 01	7	70	430	.....	800	70	20	2
13. Nottoway.....	80 00	80 00	15 00	15 00	28 00	15 62	52 36	60 00	195 00	1,581 66	3 29	5	57	224	5	250	6	13	2
14. Amelia.....	62 00	62 00	12 00	12 00	22 00	22 00	81 00	2,700 60	60 00	3,827 48	9 40	8	68	360	7	200	10	6	4
15. Cumberland.....	63 00	35 00	13 00	12 00	22 00	18 00	30 00	1,000 00	250 00	1,982 25	6 15	3	24	110	20	175	6	1	1
16. Cartersville.....	38 00	25 00	8 00	6 00	17 00	12 00	.....	200 00	45 00	1,138 00	4 39	4	34	193	10	350	37	8	.....
17. Dennisville Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18. Buckingham.....	40 00	12 00	8 00	3 00	13 00	5 00	5 00	20 00	24 85	462 51	1 25	4	20	129	.....	200	11	3	1
Totals for 1880.....	800 00	623 66	170 00	149 55	300 00	223 30	534 23	6,949 29	1,021 58	21,900 66	3 66	82	681	3,697	81	6,087	227	126	22
Totals for 1879.....	800 00	573 40	170 00	139 18	300 00	205 97	597 60	2,765 66	1,841 85	16,940 65	3 05	72	639	3,420	132	5,420	226	208	21
Increase.....	.....	50 26	.....	10 37	.....	17 33	.....	4,183 63	.....	4,960 01	61	10	42	277	.....	667	1	.....	1
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 27	.....	820 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	.....	.....	82	.....

FARMVILLE DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Farmville.....	129	1	130	125	5	.....	4	5	9	1	3	.....	.....	4	1	\$6,000 00	2	\$5,000 00	\$ 500 00
2. Prince Edward	234	3	237	213	24	.....	28	2	30	2	4	.....	.....	6	3	4,000 00	...	.....	300 00
3. Burkeville	176	3	179	199	.....	20	6	6	12	6	17	9	.....	32	2	2,000 00	...	.....	75 00
4. Lunenburg.....	584	1	585	593	.....	8	2	1	3	7	4	.....	.....	11	6	5,000 00	1	1,600 00	50 00
5. West Lunenburg.....	160	.....	160	152	8	.....	10	3	13	1	4	.....	.....	5	4	2,400 00	...	.....	65 00
6. Boydton	72	1	73	76	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	3	1	3,000 00	...	.....	300 00
7. Boydton Circuit	286	3	289	288	1	.....	8	.....	8	4	3	.....	.....	7	5	3,100 00	...	.....	100 00
8. Clarkesville.	64	1	65	60	5	.....	.....	10	10	2	.....	3	.....	5	1	2,800 00	...	.....	160 00
9. Mecklenburg.....	790	.....	790	804	.....	14	31	9	40	10	41	3	.....	54	1	6,000 00	1	1,200 00	100 00
10. Brunswick.....	534	1	535	501	34	.....	30	38	68	4	20	6	4	34	8	6,000 00	1	1,600 00	300 00
11. West Brunswick.....	420	.....	420	428	.....	8	11	2	13	5	14	2	.....	21	4	2,000 00	1	500 00	120 00
12. South Brunswick.. ..	693	.....	693	623	70	.....	87	2	89	6	4	9	.....	19	7	3,500 00	...	.....	150 00
13. Nottoway	482	.....	482	517	.....	35	11	8	19	8	44	2	.....	54	5	4,500 00	1	1,400 00	250 00
14. Amelia	399	8	407	431	.....	24	32	8	40	4	19	41	.....	64	8	8,500 00	1	1,500 00	500 00
15. Cumberland	318	1	319	301	18	.....	29	2	31	3	10	.....	.....	13	3	3,500 00	1	700 00	600 00
16. Cartersville.. ..	257	2	259	231	28	.....	51	.....	51	9	13	1	.....	23	4	4,500 00	1	550 00	175 00
17. Dennisville Mission. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18. Buckingham.....	371	..	371	479	.....	108	15	.....	15	5	110	8	.....	123	6	3,000 00	1	500 00	100 00
Totals for 1880	5,969	25	5,994	6,021	193	220	355	96	451	79	311	84	4	478	69	69,800 00	11	14,550 00	3,845 00
Totals for 1879.....	5,522	20	5,542	5,542	.....	.....	428	132	560	67	289	39	5	425	68	65,800 00	10	13,460 00	3,335 00
Increase.....	447	5	452	479	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	22	45	.....	53	1	4,000 00	1	1,090 00	510 00
Decrease..	27	36	109	1

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

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PETERSBURG DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for All Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Washington Street.....	\$145 00	\$145 00	\$31 00	\$31 00	\$54 00	\$54 53	\$304 00	.....	\$1,746 99	\$5,338 80	\$ 9 85	1	56	331	2	700	1	8	2
2. Market Street	121 00	122 00	26 00	26 50	45 00	46 50	249 44	.....	772 66	3,950 56	11 89	1	37	218	1	710	.....	8	1
3. High Street.....	54 00	54 43	12 00	12 00	20 00	20 50	190 00	5 00	615 09	2,760 52	7 19	3	74	400	.....	780	1	65	2
4. Wesley.....	26 00	15 00	6 00	4 00	10 00	7 00	109 72	1,480 46	48 52	2,151 80	10 65	1	24	140	37	350	31	8	3
5. Blandford	6 00	4 10	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	101 01	250 00	73 45	574 84	10 45	1	17	56	.....	201	.....	1	.....
6. Ettrick.....	23 00	23 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	8 00	207 87	.....	274 20	1,159 11	4 78	1	24	170	1	250	1	8	2
7. Chesterfield.....	44 00	14 00	9 00	5 00	17 00	5 00	77 39	150 00	171 00	1,285 58	3 13	6	70	278	14	705	7	4	1
8. Matoaca	12 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	42 04	276 45	36 05	837 34	6 69	1	21	150	25	300	7	2	.....
9. Dinwiddie.....	46 00	46 00	10 00	10 00	18 00	18 00	43 61	12 75	40 15	577 15	1 69	7	78	333	15	.....	6	27	1
10. West Dinwiddie.....	.....	20 00	.....	8 01	.....	6 00	34 60	43 00	10 00	905 25	2 68	5	56	253	10	350	7	14	1
11. Sussex.....	40 00	40 00	8 00	8 00	15 00	15 00	50 00	10 00	325 00	1,391 93	4 78	6	27	230	3	.....	9	.....	2
12. North Sussex.. ..	53 00	53 00	11 00	11 00	20 00	12 50	50 00	120 00	20 00	1,070 58	2 78	7	45	380	15	.....	17	32	3
13. Hicksford	40 00	25 00	9 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	.....	113 81	202 19	797 04	3 81	3	25	120	8	135	6	.....	1
14. Prince George.....	68 00	25 50	14 00	7 75	26 00	12 28	139 40	600 00	75 00	1,557 54	4 61	6	67	264	4	531	8	6	.....
15. Surry.....	34 00	17 28	7 00	6 25	13 00	4 27	5 21	101 00	15 10	619 30	3 54	2	12	95	5	160	10	3	.....
16. Wakefield	34 00	34 00	7 00	7 00	13 00	13 00	12 68	375 50	10 50	1,042 60	6 32	5	48	188	8	280	15	3	1
17. Coalfield.....	27 00	12 45	6 00	2 85	.....	.....	30 00	200 00	50 00	418 16	1 94	4	28	210	25	200	8	3	.....
18. Clover Hill.....	27 00	27 00	6 00	6 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	95 00	25 00	418 25	3 89	2	21	95	1	352	.....	2	2
19. Chesterfield Mission.....	6 00	3 00	1 00	50	2 00	51	19 92	20 85	.....	84 91	1 41	2	14	35	.....	125	.....	3	.....
Totals for 1880.....	880 00	692 76	187 00	158 86	330 00	238 09	1,706 89	3,853 82	4,510 90	26,936 26	5 40	64	744	3916	174	6129	134	197	22
Totals for 1879.....	880 00	629 59	187 00	155 40	330 00	218 83	1,288 55	3,639 73	3,979 35	23,907 59	4 56	69	779	3697	225	6922	130	159	21
Increase.....	.....	63 17	.....	3 46	.....	19 26	418 34	214 09	531 55	3,028 67	84	.....	.....	249	.....	.....	4	38	1
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	35	.....	51	793	.....	.....	.....

PETERSBURG DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd. last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certi- cate and oth' wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- draws	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Washington Street	542	.....	542	567	.....	25	4	14	18	16	25	2	.....	43	1	\$25,000 00	1	\$5,000 00	\$3,000 00
2. Market Street.....	332	.....	332	337	.....	5	1	6	7	.....	12	.....	.....	12	1	15,000 00	1	2,500 00	1,000 00
3. High Street.....	384	.....	384	447	.....	63	5	14	19	14	42	26	.....	82	2	10,500 00	1	3,000 00	350 00
4. Wesley.....	202	.....	202	152	50	.....	51	9	60	2	8	.....	.....	10	1	3,200 00	...	.....	600 00
5. Blandford.....	55	.....	55	51	4	.....	.....	6	6	.....	1	.....	1	2	1	900 00	...	.....	240 00
6. Ettrick.....	242	.....	242	238	4	.....	8	8	16	2	6	3	1	12	1	1,500 00	...	.....	130 00
7. Chesterfield.....	409	1	410	398	12	.....	21	7	28	7	8	1	.....	16	7	3,500 00	1	1,000 00	300 00
8. Matoaca	125	.....	125	128	.....	3	25	.....	25	4	19	5	.....	28	1	500 00	...	.....	.....
9. Dinwiddie.....	340	.....	340	359	.....	19	23	1	24	5	38	.....	.....	43	7	3,500 00	...	.....	50 00
10. West Dinwiddie.....	341	.....	341	330	11	.....	23	5	28	2	6	9	.....	17	6	8,000 00	...	.....	75 00
11. Sussex.....	289	.....	289	626	.....	337	17	2	19	4	352	.....	.....	356	5	4,000 00	1	500 00	.....
12. North Sussex.....	385	.....	385	.....	385	.....	33	364	397	10	.....	2	.....	12	6	3,800 00	...	.....	.....
13. Hicksford.....	209	.....	209	227	.....	18	22	.....	22	1	39	.....	.....	40	4	2,500 00	...	.....	100 00
14. Prince George.....	337	1	338	350	.....	12	13	1	14	7	15	4	.....	26	6	3,000 00	...	.....	125 00
15. Surry	175	.....	175	353	.....	178	19	4	23	5	177	19	.....	201	4	2,500 00	...	.....	150 00
16. Wakefield.....	165	.....	165	.....	165	.....	17	157	174	1	8	.....	.....	9	4	3,700 00	...	.....	.....
17. Coalfield.....	215	.....	215	206	9	.....	13	4	17	3	1	4	.....	8	4	2,800 00	...	.....	200 00
18. Clover Hill.....	177	.....	177	173	4	.....	1	8	9	1	3	1	.....	5	4	2,600 00	...	.....	75 00
19. Chesterfield Mission.....	60	.....	60	81	.....	21	.....	2	2	1	20	2	.....	23	2	500 00	...	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	4984	2	4986	5023	644	681	296	612	908	85	780	78	2	945	67	97,000 00	5	12,000 00	6,395 00
Totals for 1879.....	5002	21	5023	5023	73	.....	316	219	535	65	321	69	7	462	67	94,725 00	4	11,500 00	6,016 00
Increase	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	393	373	20	459	9	.....	483	...	2,275 00	1	500 00	379 00
Decrease	18	19	37	.....	.....	37	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.										MISSIONARY COLLECTION.					
PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	aised by W. M. S.
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT...	W. H. CHRISTIAN, P. E.														
1. Murfreesboro.	H. T. Bacon.....					\$100 00	\$82 10	\$600 00	\$492 65	\$125 25	\$25 00		\$25 00		
2. Northampton.....	W. E. Allen.....		\$20 00			135 00	119 50	770 00	682 50	103 00	52 50		50 00		
3. Meherrin.....	B. F. Tennille.....					70 00	66 81	600 00	576 67	26 52	35 00		61 35		
4. Bertie	{ J. E. McSparran.....		52 14		100 00	130 00	117 03	800 00	730 10	99 95	33 00		51 00	11 70	
	{ N. H. Cox.....		6 50					170 00	152 92						
5. Hertford and Edenton...	{ J. H. Amiss		3 75		100 00	180 00	137 84	1,200 00	901 97	340 19	20 00		57 60		
	{ J. B. Askew.....														
6. Pasquotank.....	Alfred Wiles.....		3 50		60 00	75 00	53 54	750 00	535 45	236 01	8 20		13 00		
7. Elizabeth City.	F. C. Woodward.....					100 00	100 00	900 00	900 00		40 00			250 75	
8. Suffolk.....	J. C. Martin.....		1 00			80 00	80 00	950 00	950 00		45 00		18 26	35 61	
9. Gates.....	{ J. J. Edwards.....				60 00	175 00	175 00	800 00	800 00		40 00		40 00		
	{ J. A Crowder.....							150 00	150 00						
10. Southampton.....	J. P. Woodward.....					85 00	72 00	605 00	512 94	105 06	20 52		24 92	1 08	
11. North Southampton.....	T. L. Williams.....				121 00	85 00	80 75	700 00	646 43	57 82	20 00		25 00		
12. Chuckatuck.	W. P. Jordan.....					60 00	50 22	600 00	502 26	107 52	28 11		30 00		
13. Camden	A. M. Hall.....		36 40		60 00	80 00	51 88	600 00	472 72	155 40	13 40		9 83		
14. Dare.....	R. O. Payne.....					45 00	38 70	240 00	206 42	39 88	15 00		20 00		
15. Bertie Mission.....															
	Totals for 1880.....		123 29		501 00	1,400 00	1,225 37	10,435 00	9,213 03	1,396 60	395 73		425 96	299 14	
	Totals for 1879.....					1,400 00	1,183 31	10,510 00	8,853 58	1,873 11	340 52	11 50	343 59	219 10	
	Increase.....										55 21		82 37	80 04	
	Decrease.....											11 50			

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for All Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Murfreesboro.....	\$ 60 00	\$ 50 50	\$8 00	\$ 8 00	\$15 00	\$10 00	\$32 40	.....	\$174 44	\$900 09	\$ 7 76	1	22	90	.....	87	1	3	1
2. Northampton.....	100 00	66 00	20 00	13 00	35 00	34 14	62 83	1,250 00	33 00	2,383 47	2 98	6	68	440	.....	600	20	17	3
3. Meherrin.....	50 00	50 00	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	40 00	260 00	.....	1,119 83	2 22	6	44	345	30	150	49	3	2
4. Bertie.....	75 00	35 36	17 00	10 00	35 00	6 73	54 28	11 85	28 00	1,400 61	3 13	9	65	300	9	300	29	3	2
5. Hertford and Edenton...	105 00	67 00	25 00	11 00	45 00	14 00	40 00	.....	80 00	1,433 16	1 88	9	92	535	12	890	17	9	1
6. Pasquotank.....	50 00	16 10	12 00	4 00	20 00	5 00	21 24	.....	.....	720 03	1 29	5	58	359	1	980	3	9	1
7. Elizabeth City.....	60 00	60 00	12 00	12 00	15 00	15 00	107 63	.....	1,221 44	2,706 82	13 83	1	29	140	3	550	.....	2	1
8. Suffolk.....	50 00	50 00	12 00	12 00	17 00	17 00	88 36	12 92	201 21	1,511 36	7 06	1	25	175	14	185	6	5	.....
9. Gates.....	100 00	70 00	22 00	10 00	43 00	30 00	20 58	.....	92 00	1,487 58	1 55	12	75	585	12	900	17	30	2
10. Southampton.....	60 00	32 00	12 00	8 00	22 00	18 00	185 82	150 00	300 00	1,325 28	2 31	5	73	288	20	841	24	2	.....
11. North Southampton.....	60 00	20 00	12 00	10 00	22 00	10 00	26 40	30 00	97 00	1,086 58	3 44	5	37	177	.....	95	7	.....	1
12. Chuckatuck.....	35 00	32 00	8 00	7 50	15 00	10 00	66 00	.....	140 00	866 09	4 06	5	47	217	.....	625	6	.....	.....
13. Camden.....	60 00	8 00	12 00	6 80	21 00	3 20	29 00	120 00	.....	811 23	1 91	5	56	251	3	460	6	7	1
14. Dare.....	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 78	20 40	100 00	.....	426 30	1 31	6	58	205	9	306	3	6	4
15. Bertie Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	880 00	571 96	187 00	127 30	330 00	198 85	794 94	1,934 77	2,367 09	18,178 43	2 83	76	749	4,107	121	6,969	188	96	19
Totals for 1879.....	880 00	566 35	187 00	148 72	330 00	158 86	484 94	1,869 76	1,791 77	16,063 60	2 49	73	732	3,998	173	7,099	245	106	21
Increase.....	.....	5 61	.....	.....	.....	39 99	310 00	65 01	575 32	2,114 83	34	3	17	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	21 42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	130	57	10	2

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Murfreesboro.....	115	1	116	126	.....	10	1	2	3	2	10	1	.....	13	1	\$3,000 00	...	.....	\$ 125 00
2. Northampton.....	800	.....	800	793	7	.....	26	.....	26	4	8	5	2	19	7	12,220 00	...	.....	.....
3. Meherrin.....	503	1	504	458	46	.....	57	6	63	6	.....	5	6	17	5	5,000 00	1	1,200 00	.....
4. Bertie.....	443	1	444	414	30	.....	34	3	37	5	2	.....	.....	7	8	9,500 00	1	1,200 00	400 00
5. Hertford and Edenton...	760	1	761	749	12	.....	30	.....	30	16	2	.....	.....	18	8	11,000 00	1	1,200 00	500 00
6. Pasquotank.....	557	.....	557	600	.....	43	3	1	4	16	26	5	.....	47	6	4,000 00	...	.....	100 00
7. Elizabeth City.....	195	.....	195	202	.....	7	5	6	11	8	10	.....	.....	18	1	10,000 00	1	1,266 00	150 00
8. Suffolk.....	214	.....	214	212	2	.....	12	1	13	3	5	1	2	11	1	10,000 00	1	2,800 00	800 00
9. Gates.....	964	.....	964	938	26	.....	21	17	38	12	.....	.....	.....	12	10	7,400 00	1	800 00	250 00
10. Southampton.....	573	.....	573	573	.....	.....	24	6	30	5	17	8	.....	30	7	4,000 00	1	1,500 00	250 00
11. North Southampton.....	315	1	316	321	.....	5	9	1	10	7	8	.....	.....	15	5	4,900 00	1	1,500 00	450 00
12. Chuckatuck.....	213	.....	213	226	.....	13	17	9	26	4	33	2	.....	39	5	5,500 00	...	.....	.....
13. Camden	425	.....	425	429	.....	4	6	3	9	5	6	2	.....	13	4	2,200 00	1	1,000 00	250 00
14. Dare.....	325	.....	325	408	.....	83	15	3	18	5	89	4	3	101	6	2,200 00	...	.....	.....
15. Bertie Mission.....	12	.....	12	.....	12	.....	3	9	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	500 00	...	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	6,414	5	6,419	6,449	135	165	263	67	330	98	216	33	13	360	76	91,420 00	9	12,466 00	3,275 00
Totals for 1879.....	6,440	9	6,449	6,449	.....	.....	421	125	546	97	242	60	1	400	75	91,120 00	7	8,500 00	3,950 00
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	300 00	2	3,966 00	.....
Decrease.....	26	4	30	30	158	58	216	26	27	40	675 00

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

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NORFOLK DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for All Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Pa d.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Cumberland Street.....	\$119 00	\$119 00	\$24 00	\$24 00	\$43 00	\$43 00	\$224 55	\$449 00	\$1,091 94	\$4,372 34	\$ 7 95	1	50	350	40	600	36	30	3
2. Granby Street.....	125 00	130 00	26 00	27 00	45 00	46 00	560 85	578 20	2,753 00	6,808 00	17 11	1	53	196	3	450	5	16	.....
3. Queen Street.....	25 00	26 50	5 00	6 18	10 00	10 00	140 66	180 65	323 43	1,765 17	12 61	1	28	111	2	300	4	11	.....
4. Berkeley.....	22 00	22 00	4 00	4 00	8 00	8 00	64 78	.....	269 22	1,063 00	7 19	1	19	94	20	200	10	14	.....
5. Monumental.....	105 00	105 00	22 00	22 00	39 00	39 00	200 00	.....	1,916 57	4,631 52	9 12	1	37	250	3	.....	8	17	2
6. Central.....	.....	10 00	.....	2 75	.....	.....	.....	3,966 02	459 00	5,419 65	19 77	1	29	140	.....	550	4	16	1
7. Second Street.....	22 00	22 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	70 00	.....	113 00	1,082 15	6 44	1	30	164	.....	200	.....	21	.....
8. Norfolk Circuit.....	63 00	63 00	13 00	13 00	24 00	24 00	100 00	.....	50 00	1,382 99	4 52	5	57	234	8	580	14	5	.....
9. East Norfolk.....	64 00	44 00	14 00	14 00	24 00	15 00	75 00	158 17	75 00	1,353 87	4 73	3	46	225	.....	1,000	.....	8	.....
10. South Norfolk.....	78 00	78 00	20 00	20 00	35 00	10 00	156 25	.....	50 00	1,210 55	2 93	6	78	330	.....	640	1	9	2
11. Princess Ann.....	106 00	35 00	22 00	20 00	40 00	10 00	86 78	50 00	25 00	1,605 83	1 84	8	100	541	19	1,059	32	33	6
12. Currituck.....	53 00	50 00	12 00	10 00	20 00	10 00	11 50	589 45	19 05	1,448 17	2 82	7	52	300	4	300	12	1	1
13. Hampton and Fox Hill..	37 00	40 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	20 00	66 50	.....	627 00	1,893 31	7 29	2	36	160	4	700	.....	24	1
14. York.....	53 00	53 00	11 00	11 00	19 00	19 00	48 75	.....	258 71	1,133 60	1 64	4	89	375	32	600	18	32	2
15. Smithfield and Benn's....	53 00	45 00	11 00	11 00	19 00	10 00	57 00	41 00	360 00	1,548 00	5 34	3	25	150	5	350	4	3	1
16. Isle of Wight.....	27 00	27 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	11 41	.....	150 00	993 24	3 40	3	33	163	8	420	13	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	1,000 00	869 50	212 00	204 93	375 00	279 00	1,874 03	6,012 49	8,540 92	37,716 39	6 15	48	762	3783	148	7949	161	240	19
Totals for 1879.....	1,000 00	842 76	212 00	205 61	375 00	262 59	1,595 41	2,527 82	6,391 97	30,689 42	5 20	45	764	3865	165	9541	187	216	25
Increase.....	.....	26 74	.....	.....	.....	16 41	278 62	3,484 67	2,148 95	7,026 97	95	3	.....	.....	17	1592	26	24	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	6

NORFOLK DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Cumberland Street.....	576	.....	576	517	59	.....	133	23	156	12	52	33	.....	97	1	\$20,000 00	1	\$4,500 00	\$2,000 00
2. Granby Street	398	.....	398	401	.....	3	6	14	20	8	10	5	.....	23	1	30,000 00	1	6,000 00	2,600 00
3. Queen Street.....	140	.....	140	143	.....	3	8	8	16	.....	15	4	.....	19	1	7,000 00	...	.....	300 00
4. Berkeley.....	148	.....	148	123	25	...	26	13	39	5	7	2	.....	14	1	5,000 00	...	.....	200 00
5. Monumental.....	508	.....	508	503	5	.....	14	13	27	6	13	2	1	22	1	40,000 00	...	.....	500 00
6. Central.....	274	.....	274	270	4	.....	10	1	11	4	3	.....	.....	7	1	14,000 00	...	.....	390 00
7. Second Street.....	168	.....	168	168	.....	.....	5	3	8	5	3	.....	.....	8	1	2,300 00	...	.....	275 00
8. Norfolk Circuit.....	306	.....	306	294	12	.....	6	14	20	7	1	.....	.....	8	6	7,000 00	1	2,000 00	.....
9. East Norfolk.....	286	.....	286	288	.....	2	12	.....	12	4	8	2	.....	14	3	4,000 00	1	1,500 00	200 00
10. South Norfolk.....	412	.....	412	437	.....	25	6	3	9	10	6	18	.....	34	6	6,165 00	1	1,000 00	250 00
11. Princess Ann.....	867	.....	867	860	7	.....	88	2	90	23	55	5	.....	83	9	8,100 00	1	1,300 00	200 00
12. Currituck.....	513	.....	513	516	.....	3	32	.....	32	10	8	15	2	35	7	5,100 00	1	1,000 00	200 00
13. Hampton and Fox Hill..	261	.....	261	261	.....	.....	13	.....	13	6	4	3	.....	13	2	3,500 00	1	2,000 00	400 00
14. York.....	688	1	689	546	143	.....	152	15	167	7	10	1	6	24	4	2,000 00	1	800 00	70 00
15. Smithfield and Benn's....	290	.....	290	282	8	.....	16	6	22	10	3	1	.....	14	3	4,500 00	1	2,500 00	400 00
16. Isle of Wight.....	292	.....	292	289	3	.....	13	.....	.....	5	2	3	.....	10	4	4,000 00	1	1,200 00	450 00
Totals for 1880.....	6127	1	6128	5898	266	36	540	115	655	122	200	94	9	425	51	162,665 00	11	23,800 00	8,345 00
Totals for 1879.....	5897	1	5898	5898	6	.....	457	185	642	122	376	108	30	636	51	153,250 00	11	23,600 00	6,962 00
Increase.....	230	.....	230	.....	230	.....	83	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	9,415 00	...	200 00	1,383 00
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	176	14	21	211	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
RANDOLPH MACON DIST.....	LEONIDAS ROSSER, P. E.....														
1. Ashland.....	J. B. Dey.....	\$6 35	\$23 00			\$73 65	\$73 65	\$600 00	\$600 00		\$30 50		\$36 15	\$16 12	
2. Spotsylvania.....	R. A. Armistead.....	2 20	4 75			25 00	25 00	165 00	165 00		10 42		6 10		
3. Caroline.....	J. G. Rowe.....		6 00			45 00	36 10	500 00	309 08	119 82	1 00		17 04		25 90
4. Bowling Green.....	W. E. Evans.....	5 00	15 00			50 00	50 00	500 00	500 00		21 25		25 20		
5. Middlesex.....	M. S. Colonna.....	8 00			100 00	95 00	90 00	700 00	650 00	55 00	20 00		20 00		
6. King and Queen.....	B. C. Spiller.....		17 00		75 00	100 00	88 38	500 00	441 90	69 72	10 00	5 00	20 00	5 00	
7. King William.....	J. C. Rosser.....	6 50				80 00	50 00	310 00	199 04	140 96			19 50	5 71	
8. Essex.....	S. O. Harris.....	1 96				22 50	22 50	225 00	225 00		9 40		11 15		
9. Hanover.....	R. N. Crooks.....	6 90	39 75		50 00	90 00	54 00	650 00	469 65	216 35	9 67	9 67	10 00	12 85	
10. West Hanover.....	E. N. S. Blogg.....	3 91	9 75			45 00	23 84	600 00	360 00	261 16	1 10		2 00	3 50	
11. Goochland.....	W. A. Laughan.....	2 93			50 00	45 00	35 41	405 00	306 19	108 40	8 50		7 75		
12. West Goochland.....	S. H. Johnson.....	2 18				25 00	13 59	200 00	90 09	121 32	10 42		12 40		
13. King George.....	D. G. C. Butts.....	5 25			75 00	85 00	79 70	550 00	515 74	39 56	13 13		15 58		14 75
14. Montross.....	Paul Bradley.....	2 82				32 50	32 50	267 50	267 50		10 00		10 29		
15. Westmoreland.....	W. A. Crocker.....	7 82				90 00	61 90	600 00	412 83	215 27	16 00			45 00	
16. Heathville.....	J. F. Brannin.....	7 60	12 89		75 00	88 00	76 74	600 00	523 26	88 00	19 17		40 00		
17. Bethany Station.....	W. H. Edwards.....	4 36				50 00	50 00	475 00	475 00		21 00		33 00		
18. Lancaster.....	R. B. Beadles.....	7 30	6 00		75 00	84 00	84 00	660 00	660 00		30 00		38 31	16 74	
19. East Louisa Mission.....	Thomas R. Dunn.....					27 18	27 18	9 92	9 92		12 00				
	Totals for 1880.....	81 08	134 14		500 00	1,152 83	974 49	8,517 42	7,180 20	1,515 56	253 56	14 67	324 47	104 92	40 65
	Totals for 1879.....					1,250 00	1,016 52	9,252 00	6,779 44	2,706 04	277 43	35 93	379 13	87 74	
	Increase.....													17 18	40 65
	Decrease.....										23 87	21 26	54 66		

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for All Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For S. School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Ashland.....	\$40 65	\$40 65	\$8 65	\$ 8 65	\$15 25	\$16 00	\$119 74	\$1,417 33	\$36 50	\$2,424 64	\$10 67	9	31	212	10	400	7	2	.....
2. Spotsylvania.....	13 92	13 92	2 95	2 95	5 31	5 31	205 69	.....	.....	441 34	2 46	3	28	179	.....	260	2	3	1
3. Caroline.....	25 05	7 95	5 32	3 34	7 39	3 19	10 00	42 00	39 60	501 20	1 48	2	25	207	12	300	17	1	1
4. Bowling Green.....	27 84	35 00	5 90	6 00	10 42	15 00	40 00	.....	145 45	857 90	3 63	4	43	267	11	800	11	7	1
5. Middlesex	52 87	41 00	11 23	9 00	19 81	12 00	8 00	2 50	75 00	1,035 50	1 92	.....	65	535	14	725	10	14	1
6. King and Queen	55 50	30 00	11 80	10 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	14 00	100 00	861 28	1 53	4	53	310	15	450	30	4	2
7. King William.....	44 55	40 00	9 44	8 00	16 67	12 00	40 00	.....	20 00	400 75	1 45	1	38	240	14	180	2	3	1
8. Essex.....	12 53	12 53	2 66	2 66	4 70	4 70	8 00	56 00	10 00	363 90	1 87	2	18	103	6	150	37	1	1
9. Hanover.....	50 10	19 67	10 64	7 18	18 78	7 61	48 47	1,108 00	132 00	1,985 42	5 82	4	48	225	2	378	.....	11	.....
10. West Hanover.....	25 05	5 00	5 32	2 00	9 39	4 75	72 00	538 00	33 00	1,058 85	2 49	5	62	335	18	315	33	1	.....
11. Goochland.....	25 05	16 50	5 32	3 50	9 39	7 00	40 27	51 00	135 30	664 35	2 69	4	42	180	1	275	1	1	.....
12. West Goochland.....	13 92	11 20	2 95	2 95	5 21	5 21	2 84	50 00	20 00	220 88	1 71	2	13	48	1	436	5	.....	.....
13. King George.....	47 30	17 80	10 10	3 73	17 74	6 56	47 49	679 37	60 84	1,534 94	4 54	4	50	301	1	476	6	9	1
14. Montross.....	18 10	18 10	3 90	3 90	6 80	6 80	19 00	150 00	65 00	585 91	1 92	3	35	200	2	150	24	6	1
15. Westmoreland.....	50 10	31 77	10 60	8 00	18 78	14 61	64 67	278 77	271 90	1,213 27	3 37	5	53	282	10	530	11	19	3
16. Heathville	48 78	48 78	10 40	10 40	18 40	18 40	190 78	1,024 72	395 00	2,442 74	4 25	10	90	465	9	1,128	2	10	1
17. Bethany Station.....	27 84	28 00	5 90	6 00	10 42	11 00	89 34	.....	144 58	862 28	4 36	1	12	50	2	200	.....	2	.....
18. Lancaster.....	46 75	50 00	9 93	9 93	17 59	18 00	59 61	75 00	223 50	1,353 32	3 33	6	60	346	28	800	15	9	3
19. East Louisa Mission. ...	.....	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	438 00	.....	498 10	7 09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Totals for 1880.....	640 00	478 87	136 00	108 19	240 00	188 14	1,090 90	5,924 69	1,907 67	19,306 64	3 26	69	766	4,485	156	7,953	213	103	18
Totals for 1879.....	640 00	426 57	136 00	99 70	240 00	188 20	935 25	5,727 24	1,240 68	17,263 96	2 91	75	802	4,100	173	8,008	178	66	21
Increase.....	.....	52 30	.....	8 49	.....	.....	155 65	197 45	666 99	2,042 68	35	.....	.....	385	.....	.....	35	37	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	36	.....	17	55	.....	.....	3

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH														CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
	White.	Colored.					GAINS.			LOSSES.					No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
							Profes- sion of Faith.	Certifi- cate and oth'wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.					
1. Ashland.....	226	1	227	223	4	.....	12	15	27	2	20	1	.....	23	1	\$4,500 00	...	.....	\$1,000 00
2. Spotsylvania	179	.....	179	174	5	.....	9	1	10	.....	2	3	.....	5	4	2,500 00	...	.....	160 00
3. Caroline.....	338	.....	338	365	.....	27	23	1	24	10	37	.....	4	51	3	3,250 00	...	.....	40 00
4. Bowling Green.. ..	236	.....	236	235	1	.....	17	11	28	4	3	20	.....	27	4	2,500 00	...	.....	250 00
5. Middlesex.....	536	.....	536	510	26	.....	24	7	31	5	.....	.....	.....	5	7	7,700 00	1	1,200 00	400 00
6. King and Queen.....	562	.....	562	569	.....	7	64	4	68	6	66	3	.....	75	4	2,000 00	1	500 00	100 00
7. King William.....	273	3	276	306	.....	30	2	28	30	5	55	.....	.....	60	4	2,000 00	...	.....	100 00
8. Essex.....	194	.....	194	160	34	.....	51	.....	51	2	15	.....	.....	17	2	1,600 00	...	.....	.....
9. Hanover	341	.....	341	361	.....	20	1	2	3	7	16	.....	.....	23	4	3,800 00	1	1,100 00	360 00
10. West Hanover.....	423	1	424	436	.....	12	44	12	56	7	57	4	.....	68	4	3,000 00	...	.....	440 00
11. Goochland.....	247	.....	247	255	.....	8	1	4	5	3	10	.....	.....	13	4	2,100 00	1	800 00	.....
12. West Goochland.....	129	.....	129	122	7	.....	6	5	11	2	1	1	.....	4	2	1,000 00	...	.....	.....
13. King George	337	1	338	341	.....	3	8	2	10	5	7	1	.....	13	4	6,300 00	...	.....	175 00
14. Montross.....	272	32	304	276	28	.....	30	2	32	2	2	.....	.....	4	4	2,600 00	...	.....	.....
15. Westmoreland.....	356	4	360	438	.....	78	19	107	126	2	196	6	.....	204	5	6,500 00	...	.....	390 00
16. Heathville	551	.....	551	359	192	.....	38	411	449	17	232	8	.....	257	8	14,700 00	1	1,000 00	200 00
17. Bethany Station.....	198	.....	198	.....	198	.....	.....	211	211	5	8	.....	.....	13	1	3,500 00	...	.....	.....
18. Lancaster.....	406	.....	406	378	28	.....	32	7	39	5	1	5	.....	11	3	6,500 00	1	700 00	300 00
19. East Louisa Mission.....	70	.....	70	.....	70	.....	4	66	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	700 00	...	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	5874	42	5916	5508	593	185	385	896	1,281	89	728	52	4	873	69	76,750 00	6	5,300 00	3,825 00
Totals for 1879.....	5843	28	5871	5871	139	.....	327	130	457	83	166	53	16	318	67	76,563 32	6	5,400 00	2,555 00
Increase.....	31	14	45	.....	408	.....	58	766	824	6	562	.....	.....	555	...	186 68	...	.....	1,270 00
Decrease.....	363	1	12	100 00

GENERAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

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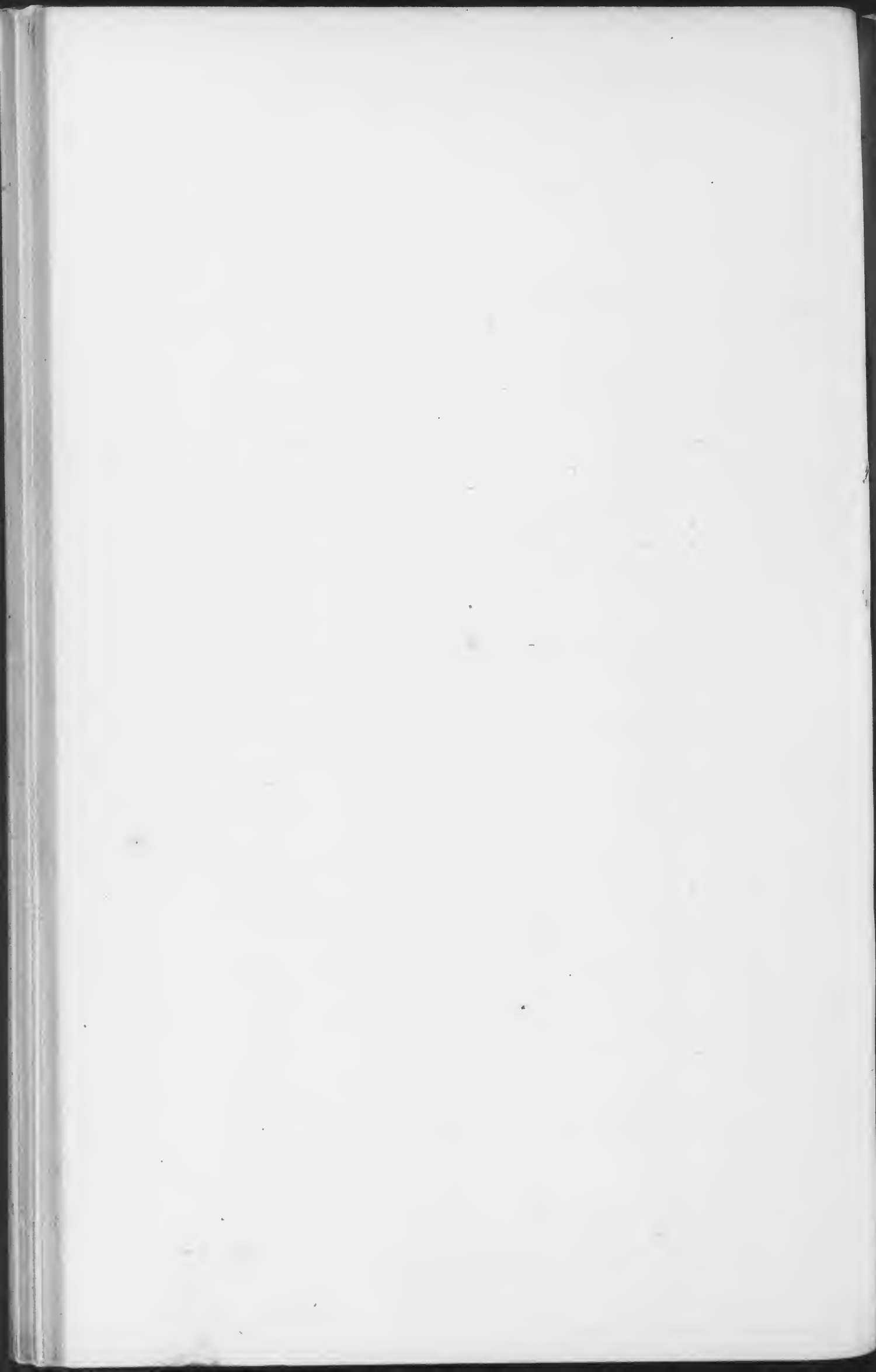
PASTORAL CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH.													CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	MEMBERS.		Total Members this year.	Total Mem- bers rep'd last year.	Net Increase.	Net Decrease.	COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.								CHURCHES.		PARSON- AGES.		Value of all other Church Property.
							GAINS.			LOSSES.									
	White.	Colored.					Profes- sion of Faith.	Certi- ficate and oth wise	Total Gains.	Deaths.	Re- movals.	With- drawals	Expul- sions.	Total Losses.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	
1. Eastville.....	321	.....	321	348	.....	27	6	.....	6	5	20	3	5	33	4	\$6,000 00	1	\$875 00	\$300 00
2. Bellhaven.	89	.....	89	89	.....	.....	7	.....	7	2	.....	5	.....	7	2	500 00	...	.....	.....
3. Pungoteague.....	635	.....	635	629	6	.....	22	12	34	4	8	12	4	28	4	8,000 00	1	2,500 00	650 00
4. Onancock.....	536	.....	536	520	16	.....	31	3	34	3	8	7	.....	18	4	7,000 00	1	1,850 00	450 00
5. Conquest and Guilford ..	349	.....	349	352	.....	3	29	6	35	5	3	20	10	38	2	2,500 00	1	1,200 00	150 00
6. Atlantic... ..	369	.....	369	361	8	.....	16	.....	16	2	6	.....	.....	8	4	5,500 00	1	1,400 00	200 00
7. Wicomico.	216	.....	216	199	17	.....	21	.....	21	2	1	1	.....	4	1	1,500 00	1	1,000 00	.....
8. Salisbury.....	100	.....	100	85	15	.....	15	1	16	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	4,000 00	1	2,500 00	500 00
9. Berlin	216	.....	216	220	.....	4	7	2	9	5	1	7	.....	13	4	4,000 00	...	.....	.....
10. Dorchester.....	454	.....	454	352	102	.....	100	6	106	2	2	.....	.....	4	6	9,200 00	1	2,000 00	400 00
11. South Dorchester.....	346	4	350	355	.....	5	8	5	13	6	.....	12	.....	18	5	2,000 00	...	.....	.....
12. Cambridge.....	124	.....	124	122	2	.....	1	3	4	1	1	.....	...	2	1	1,500 00	...	.....	.....
Totals for 1880.....	3,755	4	3,759	3,632	166	39	263	38	301	38	50	67	19	174	38	51,700 00	8	13,325 00	,2650 00
Totals for 1879.....	3,628	4	3,632	.....	329	.....	366	126	492	43	81	38	1	163	35	48,800 00	8	12,925 00	2,550 00
Increase.....	127	.....	127	.....	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	18	11	3	2,900 00	...	400 00	100 00
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103	88	191	5	31	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION OF FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL EXHIBIT FOR YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1880.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	NAMES OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.									MISSIONARY COLLECTION.				
		TRAVELING EXPENSES OF THE		RENT OF PARSONAGE FOR THE		PRESIDING ELDER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		PASTOR AND HELPER'S CLAIM, EXCLUSIVE OF HOUSE RENT.		DEFICIT.	DOMESTIC.		FOREIGN.		
		Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Presiding Elder.	Pastor and Helper.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised in Ch'ches.	Raised in S.Sch'ls.	Raised by W. M. S.
1. Richmond District.....	Leroy M. Lee.....		\$163 25		\$1,050 00	\$1,058 90	\$1,035 78	\$16,832 73	\$16,486 68	\$369 17	\$544 12	\$18 78	\$720 62	\$182 05	\$138 22
2. Charlottesville District...	James M. Anderson.....		69 78	217 00	900 00	1,200 00	1,032 81	8,611 09	7,648 10	1,130 18	258 09	1 00	335 40	6 50	34 60
3. Lynchburg District.....	Davis P. Wills.....		81 30		1,418 00	1,365 00	1,272 28	11,278 37	10,445 99	925 10	317 15	92 16	532 63	83 74	115 66
4. Danville District....	Lemuel S. Reed.....		91 45		1,010 00	1,440 00	1,146 00	9,972 00	8,407 16	1,858 84	467 27	11 04	471 77	14 33	105 55
5. Farmville District.....	E. M. Peterson..		38 75	200 00	975 00	1,530 00	1,283 48	9,878 50	8,221 31	1,903 71	430 74	26 87	940 41	148 40	134 09
6. Petersburg District.....	E P. Wilson.....	3 50	234 77		1,450 00	1,450 00	1,299 66	12,305 00	11,212 20	1,243 14	508 55	121 51	699 99	129 76	115 00
7. Murfreesboro District....	William H. Christian....		123 29		501 00	1,400 00	1,225 37	10,435 00	9,213 03	1,396 60	395 73		425 96	299 14	
8. Norfolk District.....	Joseph A. Proctor.....	31 48	120 62		2,083 00	1,605 00	1,546 89	14,775 00	14,303 80	529 31	465 56	124 91	918 67	310 69	27 90
9. Randolph Macon Dist ...	Leonidas Rosser....	81 08	134 14		500 00	1,152 83	974 49	8,517 42	7,180 20	1,515 56	253 56	14 67	324 47	104 92	40 65
10. Eastern Shore District...	George H. Ray.....	3 00	81 40		850 00	1,097 00	1,060 53	7,096 50	6,766 87	366 10	303 83	54 08	589 09	131 15	44 00
	Totals for 1880.....	119 06	1,138 75	417 00	10,739 00	13,298 73	11,877 29	109,701 61	99,885 34	11,237 71	3,944 60	465 02	5,959 01	1,410 68	755 67
	Totals for 1879...					13,560 00	11,746 66	115,350 86	102,933 13	14,288 25	3,766 18	481 66	4,860 72	1,037 55	
	Increase.....										178 42		1,098 29	373 13	755 67
	Decrease.....											16 64			

RECAPITULATION CONTINUED.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	CONFERENCE COLLECTION.		BISHOP'S FUND.		EDUCATION'L FUND.		MONEY RAISED.			Whole Amount Raised during the Year for All Purposes.	The Average per Member.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					BAPTISMS.		Local Preachers.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	Assess'd	Paid.	For S School Purposes.	For Building and Repairing Churches.	For all other Purposes.			Number.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Adults.	Infants.	
1. Richmond District.....	\$1,000 00	\$792 19	\$213 00	\$191 71	\$375 00	\$289 98	\$3,450 41	\$6,880 77	\$8,384 04	\$40,328 60	\$6 15	43	751	4,279	200	8,504	169	178	14
2. Charlottesville District...	720 00	435 70	153 00	105 70	270 00	179 23	636 76	3,393 86	2,606 12	17,860 65	3 00	75	527	3,480	101	6,125	223	54	12
3. Lynchburg District.....	880 00	655 66	187 00	153 85	330 00	252 70	1,668 31	3,277 45	5,513 81	25,880 69	3 85	92	832	5,252	266	6,199	303	127	21
4. Danville District.....	640 00	379 59	136 00	122 50	240 00	149 11	914 77	4,011 65	1,526 93	18,829 12	4 09	69	522	3,613	129	3,947	213	32	15
5. Farmville District.....	80 00	623 66	170 00	149 55	300 00	223 30	534 23	6,949 29	1,021 58	21,900 66	3 66	82	681	3,697	81	6,087	227	126	22
6. Petersburg District.....	880 00	692 76	187 00	158 86	330 00	238 09	1,706 89	3,853 82	4,510 90	26,936 28	5 40	64	744	3,946	174	6,129	134	197	22
7. Murfreesboro District....	880 00	571 96	187 00	127 30	330 00	198 85	794 94	1,934 77	2,367 09	18,178 43	2 83	76	749	4,107	121	6,969	188	96	19
8. Norfolk District.....	1,000 00	869 50	212 00	204 93	375 00	279 00	1,874 03	6,012 49	8,540 92	37,716 39	6 15	48	762	3,783	148	7,949	161	240	19
9. Randolph Macon Dist....	640 00	478 87	136 00	108 19	240 00	188 14	1,090 90	5,924 69	1,907 67	19,306 64	3 26	69	766	4,485	156	7,953	213	103	18
10. Eastern Shore District...	560 00	441 60	119 00	102 00	210 00	160 48	623 88	2,302 67	1,930 71	15,445 29	4 11	43	622	3,437	105	5,259	64	243	10
Totals for 1880 ..	8,000 00	5,941 49	1,700 00	1,424 59	3,000 00	2,158 88	13,295 12	44,541 46	38,309 77	242,382 73	4 24	661	6,956	40,079	1,481	65,121	1,895	1,396	172
Totals for 1879 ..	8,000 00	5,619 12	1,700 00	1,358 51	3,000 00	2,015 44	11,086 55	28,534 28	32,032 67	206,712 59	3 68	653	7,056	38,600	1,851	65,180	2,428	1,475	184
Increase ..		322 37		66 08		143 44	2,208 57	16,007 18	6,277 10	35,670 14	56	8		1,479			533	79	12
Decrease ..													100		370	69			



VIII.

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

I.—TRAVELING PREACHERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* into the traveling connection.

The letters denote: *E*—Elder; *D*—Deacon; *P*—Probationer; *Sy*—Super-numerary; *Sd*—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, Wm. E.	1850	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
2. Ames, Benjamin T.*	1858	E Sd	Locustville, Accomac co., Va.
3. Amiss, J. H.	1854	E	Gatesville, Gates co., N. C.
4. Anderson, J. M.	1857	E	Charlottesville, Va.
5. Armistead, R. A.	1868	E	No. 1 E. Cary street, Richmond, Va.
6. Askew, J. B.	1879	P	Genito, Powhatan co., Va.
7. Atwill, Wm. H.	1874	E	Hicksford, Greensville co., Va.
8. August, P. F.	1846	E	Williamsburg, Va.
9. Bacon, H. T.	1865	E	Laneaster Courthouse, Va.
10. Bain, W. F.	1851	E	Cambridge, Dorchester co., Md.
11. Bates, Walter G.	1880	P	Edenton, N. C.
12. Bayton, T. J.	1846	E	Norfolk, Va.
13. Beadles, R. B.	1855	E	Oak Hall, Accomac co., Va.
14. Beckham, T. M.	1862	E	Holly Dale, Lunenburg co., Va.
15. Bennett, W. W.	1843	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
16. Betty, L. B.	1875	E	Temperanceville, Accomac co., Va.
17. Berryman, Albert C.	1880	E	Lynchburg, Va.
18. Bishop, M. L.	1848	E	Lynch's Station, Campbell co., Va.
19. Blackwell, J. D.	1846	E	Petersburg, Va.
20. Blankenship, R. B.	1877	D	Pittsylvania C. H.
21. Bledsoe, A. C.	1861	E	Norfolk City.
22. Bledsoe, J. W.	1869	E	Richmond City.
23. Blincoe, J. W.	1857	E	Oak Forest, Cumberland Co., Va.
24. Blogg, E. N. S.	1860	E	Elizabeth City, Pasquotank co., N. C.
25. Boggs, T. H.	1855	E	Hertford, N. C.
26. Boggs, F. J.	1846	E	Farmville, Va.
27. Boggs, C. H.	1851	E	Coman's Well, Sussex co., Va.
28. Booker, G. E.	1859	E	Gloucester C. H., Va.
29. Bowles, H. C.*	1860	E Sy	Penn's Store, Patrick co., Va.
30. Bradley, Paul.	1875	E	Montross, Westmoreland co., Va.
31. Badshaw, A. J.	1877	D	Manteo, Dare co., N. C.
32. Brannin, J. F.	1845	E	Glendale, Henrico co., Va.
33. Brown, A. G.	1853	E	Richmond, Va.
34. Burton, J. M.	1876	E	Culpeper C. H., Va.
35. Butts, D. G. C.	1870	E	King George C. H., Va.
36. Cain, Charles W.	1880	P	Clarksville, Mecklenburg co., Va.
37. Campbell, T. H.	1872	E	Princess Anne C. H., Va.
38. Campbell, John M.	1880	P	Roxburg, Essex co., Va.
39. Camper, Wm. H.*	1859	E Sy	Orange C. H., Va.
40. Carroll, John W.	1880	P	Culpeper C. H., Va.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.
41. Carter, William.	1836	E Sd	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
42. Chandler, R. M.	1876	E	Petersburg, Va.
43. Chandler, E. G.	1877	D	Orange C. H., Va.
44. Cheatham, H. C.	1857	E	Prospect, Prince Edward co., Va.
45. Christian, W. H.	1852	E	Suffolk, Va.
46. Clarke, J. S. R.*	1739	E Sy	Meherrin Depot, Prince Edward co., Va.
47. Clarke, J. L.	1848	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
48. Colonna, M. S.	1858	E	Saluda, Middlesex co., Va.
49. Compton, J. W.	1860	E	Hendricks' Store, Bedford.
50. Compton, R. A.	1862	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
51. Connelly, J. W.	1860	E	Barhamsville, New Kent co., Va.
52. Crawley, C. D.	1874	E	Cartersville, Cumberland co., Va.
53. Crider, J. W.	1854	E	South Boston, Charlotte co., Va.
54. Crocker, W. A.	1843	E	Emmertown, Richmond co., Va.
55. Crooks, R. N.	1855	E	Atlee's, Hanover co., Va.
56. Crown, J. H.	1856	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock co., Va.
57. Dalby, J. H.	1874	E	Grafton, York co., Va.
58. Davis, F. A.*	1837	E Sd	Princess Anne C. H.
59. De Berry, J. B.	1876	E	Currituck C. H., N. C.
60. Deshazo, J. E.	1875	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
61. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
62. Diggs, Thomas.*	1843	E Sd	Richmond, Va.
63. Duke, T. P.	1877	D	Whittle's Depot, Pittsylvania co., Va.
64. Early, Thomas H.	1859	E Sy	Lynchburg, Va.
65. Edwards, J. E.	1835	E	Petersburg, Va.
66. Edwards, J. J.	1850	E	Indian Creek, Norfolk co., Va.
67. Edwards, W. E.	1862	E	Lynchburg, Va.
68. Edwards, F. M.	1863	E	Mechum's River, Albemarle co., Va.
69. Edwards, W. H.	1876	E	Cambridge, Md.
70. Edwards, T. O.	1878	D	Hicks' Wharf, Matthews co., Va.
71. Evans, William E.	1876	E	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
72. Ferguson, Richard.	1869	E	Stanardsville, Green co., Va.
73. Fisher, J. L.*	1846	E Sd	Portsmouth, Va.
74. Foushee, N. B.	1876	E	Marysville, Campbell co., Va.
75. Garland, J. P.	1858	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
76. Garlick, J. C.*	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
77. Gary, H. H.	1839	E Sd	Red Hill, Albemarle co., Va.
78. Gates, J. E.	1871	E	Halifax Courthouse, Va.
79. Gayle, R. F.	1879	P	Halifax C. H., Va.
80. Gibbs, E. A.	1846	E	Charlotte C. H., Va.
81. Granberry, J. C.	1848	E	Nashville, Tenn.
82. Grant, Wm. E.	1880	P	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
83. Green, C. H.*	1873	E Sd	Matthews C. H., Va.
84. Green, Wm. T.	1878	P	Penn's Store, Patrick co., Va.
85. Gregory, R. A.*	1844	E Sd	Lynchburg, Va.
86. Gregory, W. H.	1871	E	Arrington, Nelson co., Va.
87. Guy, Lewis A.*	1872	E Sy	Hicksford, Greenville co., Va.
88. Hall, A. M.*	1852	E	South Mills, Camden, N. C.
89. Hank, J. D.	1857	E	Bellefont, Nottoway co., Va.
90. Herring, B. S.	1874	E	Turbeville, Halifax co., Va.
91. Hildrup, J. W.*	1866	E	Bay View, Northampton co., Va.
92. Hobday, C. E.	1867	E	Jackson, Northampton co., Va.
93. Hope, H. M.	1873	E	Orange C. H., Va.
94. Howard, J. W.	1845	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham co., Va.
95. Hunter, J. S.	1870	E	Lynchburg, Va.
96. Johnson, S. H.	1876	E	Westview, Goochland co., Va.
97. Jones, J. N.	1866	E	White Plains, Brunswick co., Va.
98. Jordan, W. P.	1869	E	Chuckatuck, Nansemond co., Va.
99. Jordan, E. M.	1869	E	Churchland, Norfolk co., Va.
100. Jordan, Arthur C.	1880	P	Taylor's Island, Dorchester co., Md.
101. Judkins, W. E.	1853	E	Portsmouth, Va.
102. Kabler, J. H.	1873	E	Allwood, Amherst co., Va.

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103. Lafferty, J. J.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
104. Lambeth, S. S.	1857	E	Danville, Va.
105. Laughon, W. A.	1867	E	Dover Mines, Goochland co., Va.
106. Laurens, J. B.	1853	S Sd	Richmond, Va.
107. Lear, Joseph.	1834	E	Petersburg, Va.
108. Lear, W. W.	1875	D	Hebron, Dinwiddie co., Va.
109. Lee, L. M.	1828	E	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
110. Lipscomb, B. F.	1576	S	Salisbury, Md.
111. Littleton, Oscar.	1850	E	Danville, Va.
112. Lumpkin, W. G.	1854	E	Amelia C. H., Va.
113. Lumpkin, J. T.	1870	E	Edmund's Store, Brunswick co., Va.
114. Lumsden, J. D.*	1838	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
115. Manning, Jacob.	1839	E	Smithfield, Va.
116. Martin, J. C.	1859	E	Charlottesville, Va.
117. Mastin, J. T.	1876	E	Wakefield, Sussex co., Va.
118. Maynard, J. H.	1873	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg co., Va.
119. McAden, James,	1814	E Sd	South Hill, Mecklenburg co., Va.
120. McClelland, John.*	1845	E Sd	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co., Va.
121. McGee, William.	1843	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
122. McSparran, J. E.	1857	E	Harrellsville, Bertie co., N. C.
123. Merritt, J. B.	1862	E	Portsmouth, Va.
124. Michaels, Robert.*	1836	E Sd	Amelia C. H., Va.
125. Mitchell, H. P.	1854	E	Portsmouth, Va.
126. Moore, J. T.	1872	E	Amherst C. H., Va.
127. Moorman, S. T.*	1828	E Sd	Sawyers', Campbell co., Va.
128. Moorman, R. J.	1872	E	Hampton, Va.
129. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Campbell C. H., Va.
130. Moss, John O.	1877	D	Hendricks' Store, Bedford co., Va.
131. Nolley, G. W.	1825	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
132. Norfleet, W. J.	1840	E Sy	Norfolk, Va.
133. Patterson, J. H.	1873	E	Danville, Va.
134. Payne, W. E.	1869	E	Madison C. H., Va.
135. Payne, R. O.	1878	D	Midlothian, Chesterfield co., Va.
136. Peterson, P. A.	1852	E	Richmond, Va.
137. Peterson, E. M.	1852	E	Suffolk, Va.
138. Potts, J. E.*	1853	E Sy	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
139. Pritchett, E. H.*	1859	E	Louisa C. H., Va.
140. Proctor, J. A.	1852	E	Norfolk, Va.
141. Proctor, J. H.	1857	E	Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va.
142. Pruden, N. J.	1876	E	Charlotte C. H., Va.
143. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Onancock, Accomac co., Va.
144. Reed, L. S.	1849	E	Harrisonburg, Rockingham co., Va.
145. Reed, J. C.	1868	E	Petersburg, Va.
146. Rhodes, J. Q.	1869	E	Newsom's, Southampton co., Va.
147. Riddick, J. A.*	1833	E Sp	Stony Creek, Sussex co., Va.
148. Riddick, J. H.	1854	E	Norfolk, Va.
149. Riddick, William H.	1877	D	Matoaca, Chesterfield co., Va.
150. Robins, W. F.	1862	E	Harris' Creek, Amherst co., Va.
151. Robins, J. W. S.	1877	D	Upper Trappe, Wicomico co., Md.
152. Robinson, Wm. A.*	1850	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
153. Rosser, Leonidas.	1838	E	Farmville, Va.
154. Rosser, J. C.	1876	D	Wilcox's Wharf, Charles City co., Va.
155. Rosser, J. N.	1878	D	Woodville, Rappahannock co., Va.
156. Routten, Joseph T.	1880	P	Berlin, Md.
157. Rowe, J. G.*	1849	E	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
158. Rowzie, W. B.	1829	E.	Meherrin, Prince Edward co., Va.
159. Royall, W. W.*	1875	E	China.
160. Sawyer, Walter W.	1880	P	Burgess' Store, Northumberland co., Va.
161. Saunders, J. M.	1842	E	Lawrenceville, Brunswick co., Va.
162. Saunders, R. M.	1849	E	Norfolk, Va.
163. Scott, R. B.	1877	D	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
164. Shough, Jacob.*	1839	E Sd	Patrick C. H., Va.

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165. Simpson, T. McN.	1877	D	Berkley, Norfolk co., Va.
166. Sledd, R. N.	1857	E	Richmond, Va.
167. Smithey, W. R.	1879	E	Lunenburg C. H., Va.
168. Southall, J. D.	1842	E	Whitmell, Pittsylvania co., Va.
169. Spencer, J. L.	1850	E	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
170. Spiller, B. C.	1848	E	Dunnsville, Essex co., Va.
171. Starr, W. G.	1865	E	Richmond, Va.
172. Stiff, James W.	1878	D	Burkeville, Va.
173. Sturgis, Joseph R.	1878	D	Petersburg, Va., 58 N. Sycamore st.
174. Taylor, T. J.	1867	E	Concord, Campbell co., Va.
175. Taylor, W. C.*	1869	D Sy	Kent Island, Md.
176. Tenneille, B. F.	1867	E	Margarettsville, Northampton co., N. C.
177. Tillett, Wilbur F.	1880	P	Danville, Va.
178. Tompkins, Wm. A.	1880	P	Shadwell, Albemarle co., Va.
179. Traynham, D. J.	1878	D	Rocky Mount, Franklin co., Va.
180. Tucker, J. W.	1861	E	Martinsville, Henry co., Va.
181. Twilly, W. J.	1874	E	Bellhaven, Accomac co., Va.
182. Twitty, J. F.	1871	E	Norfolk, Va.
183. Vaden, W. C.	1861	E	Richmond, Va., No. 716 24th st.
184. Vanderslice, G. C.	1859	E	Matthews C. H., Va.
185. Waggener, J. R.	1849	E Sd	Maringo, Mecklenburg co., Va.
186. Waggener, W. O.	1876	S	Maringo, Mecklenburg co., Va.
187. Wallace, D. M.	1853	E	Dinwiddie C. H., Va.
188. Wallace, J. S.	1879	D	Aspinwall, Charlotte co., Va.
189. Ware, T. A.*	1848	E Sy	Charlottesville, Va.
190. Warwick, A. B.	1877	D	City Point, Prince George co., Va.
191. Watson, J. C.	1859	E	Onancock, Accomac co., Va.
192. Watts, R. W.	1867	E	Batesville, Albemarle co., Va.
193. Watts, C. E.	1866	E	New London, Campbell co., Va.
194. Wertnbaker, C. C.	1868	E	Pungoteague, Accomac co., Va.
195. Whitehead, Paul.	1853	E	Farmville, Va.
196. Wiles, Alfred.	1844	E	Heathsville, Northumberland co., Va.
197. Wills, D. P.	1846	E	Lynchburg, Va.
198. Williams, B. M.	1858	E	Bells, Grayson co., Texas.
199. Williams, W. G.	1850	E	Chester, Chesterfield co., Va.
200. Williams, T. L.	1853	E	Franklin, Southampton co., Va.
201. Williams, Wm. T.	1880	P	Manaquin, King William co., Va.
202. Wilson, E. P.	1842	E	Petersburg, Va.
203. Wise, T. P.	1863	E	Harrellsville, Hertford co., N. C.
204. Woodward, B. F.	1844	E	Manchester, Va.
205. Woodward, J. P.	1853	E	Mocky Mount, Franklin co., Va.
206. Wray, G. W.	1877	E	Palmyra, Fluvanna co., Va.
207. Wright, William P.	1867	E	Richmond, Va.
208. Wright, George M.	1869	E	Scottsville, Va.
209. Wrenn, Charles E.	1578	P	Peter's Creek, Patrick co., Va.
210. Younger, R. H.	1876	D	Otterville, Bedford co., Va.

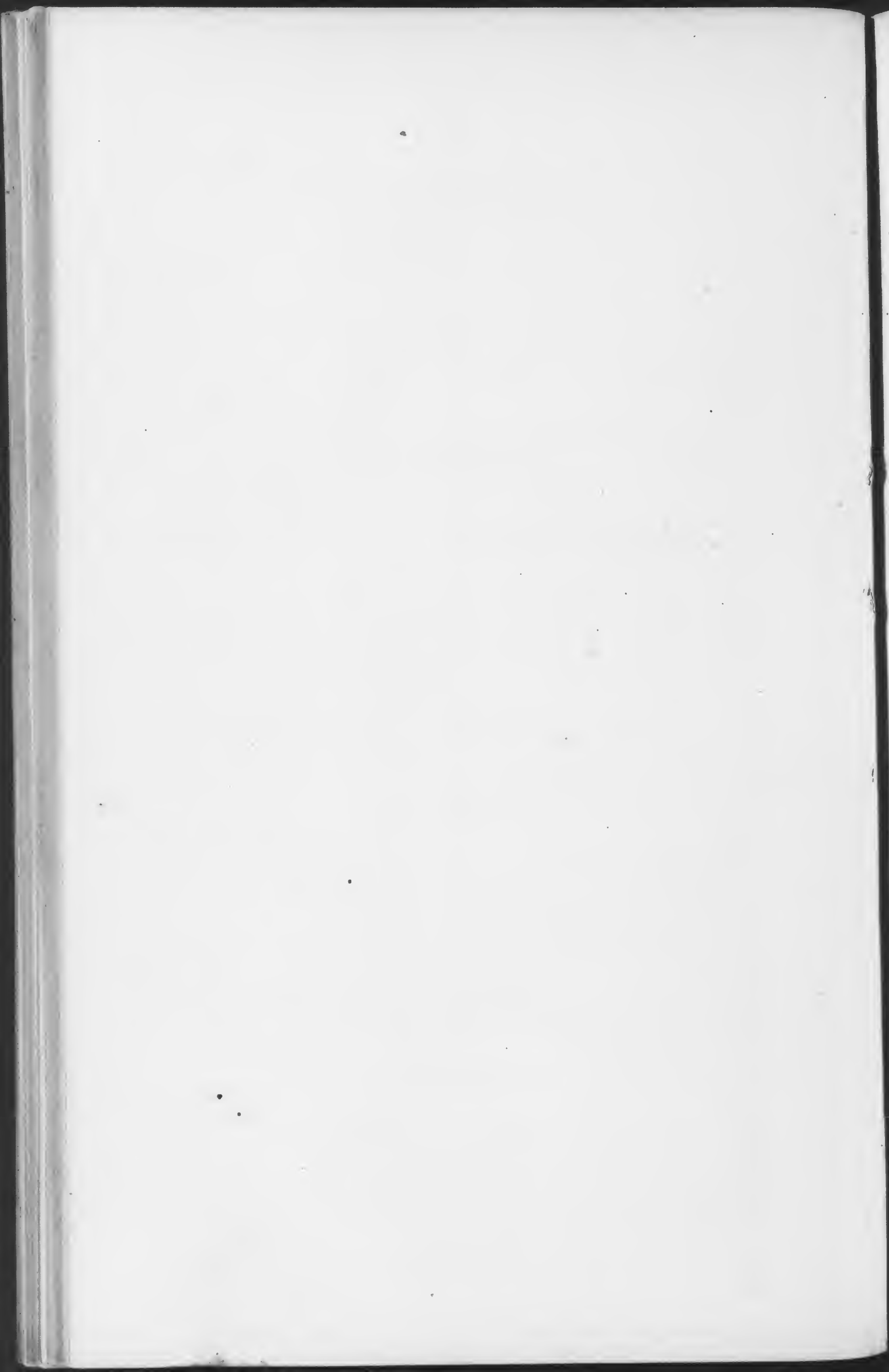
II.—LOCAL PREACHERS HAVING PASTORAL CHARGES.

Bailey, G. W.	Creiglersville, Madison co., Va.
Bailey, G. James	Pittsylvania C. H.
Grant, William	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
Mullen, R. H.	Dispatch Station, New Kent co., Va.
Lennon, J. G.	Perrowsville P. O., Bedford co., Va.
Crowder, William R.	Rocky Mount, Franklin co., Va.

III.—LAY DELEGATES, 1880-81; AND MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE BOARDS.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were not present during the session.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	POSTOFFICES.
Branch, Thomas.	Richmond,	Richmond.
Turner, S. D.	"	Glendale. Henrico co., Va.
Lamb, Capt. John.	"	Wilcox's Wharf, Charles City co.
Gary, M. E.	"	Richmond, Va.
Anderson, Dr. Garrett.*B.M.	"	Plain View, King & Queen co.
Smith, Prof. F. H.*	Charlottesville,	University of Va.
Shepherd, J. O.	"	Palmyra, Fluvanna co., Va.
Hill, Dr. J. A.	"	Locust Dale, Madison co., Va.
Murray, H. W., Bd. Miss.	"	Louisa C. H., Va.
Berry, G. L.	"	Culpeper C. H., Va.
Brown, E. B., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Free Union, Albemarle co., Va.
Davis, Judge Micajah.	Lynchburg,	Liberty, Bedford co., Va.
Dickerson, James W.	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Shearer, J. N.	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Pollard, Richard, Bd. Miss.	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Garland, M. H.*	"	Harris' Creek, Amherst co., Va.
Winfree, C. V., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Lynchburg, Va.
Kilby, Wilbur J.	Murfreesboro,	Suffolk, Va.
Grant, Rev. Wm.	"	Jackson, Northampton co., N. C.
Williams, H. Clay, Bd. Miss.	"	Gatesville, Gates co., N. C.
Mason, T. W.	"	Garysburg, N. C.
Beaton, Wm.*	"	Boykins, Southampton co., Va.
Hamlin, Col. T. B.	Petersburg,	Church Road, Dinwiddie co., Va.
Winfield, Dr. J. A.*	"	Parham's Store, Sussex co., Va.
Williamson, J. P.	"	Petersburg, Va.
Smith, J. C.*	"	Petersburg, Va.
Marks, Capt. L. L., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Petersburg, Va.
Jackson, E. E.*	Eastern Shore,	Salisbury, Md.
Brodwater, Dr. J. E.*	"	Temperanceville, Accomac co.
Kelly, A. G.*	"	Drummondtown, Accomac co., Va.
Travers, Rev. L. D.	"	Taylor's Isl'd, Dorchester co., Md.
Cannon, James, Bd. Miss.*	"	Salisbury, Md.
Christian, Prof. John E.*	Danville,	Chatham, Pittsylvania co., Va.
Penn, James G.	"	Danville, Va.
Guerrant, H. D., Bd. Miss.	"	Danville, Va.
Pace, John R., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	Danville, Va.
Lampkin, Rev. J. J.	"	Chalk Leven, Pittsylvania co., Va.
Reynolds, H. W.*	"	(—)
Booth, Dr. W. C.	Farmville,	Amelia Cross Roads.
Davis, Dr. J. M.	"	Olden Place, Dinwiddie co., Va.
Lambert, Asa.	"	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick co.
Davis, T. J.	"	Farmville, Va.
Leitch, T. M., Jt. Bd. Fin.	"	New Canton, Buckingham co.
Crowder, P. B., Bd. Miss.	"	Amelia C. H., Va.
Walker, Rev. W. W.	Randolph Macon	Oldham's X R'ds, Westmoreland
Cockerell, L.	"	Bergess's Store, Northumberland
Chandler, W. T.	"	Bowling Green, Caroline co., Va.
Irby, Capt. R.	"	Ashland, Hanover co., Va.
Neville, George L.	Norfolk,	Portsmouth, Va.
Bain, Geo. M., Jt. B. Fin.	"	Norfolk, Va.
Brinkley, John T.*	"	Smithfield, Va.
Sanderlin, Thomas.	"	Moyock, Currituck co., N. C.
Dawson, R. S.	"	Norfolk, Va.
Dawson, J. H., Sec. P. R. So.	"	Norfolk, Va.



IX.

NUMBER OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

To the Bishop and Members of the Virginia Annual Conference M. E. Church South, Danville, Va.:

Dear Brethren,—The Committee appointed at the Norfolk Conference, November, 1879, on the subject of the Sessional History of this Body, and continued with instructions to report at this meeting, beg leave to submit for your consideration the following paper :

The Committee have not been able to find the records of the early session of the Conference. If the Conference ever possessed them, they are not now in its archives. In those records which it possesses its annual meetings are numbered, as beginning with the session of 1796. But who selected this date as the starting point of its sessional history? when, why, or by what authority it was chosen? are questions not answered in the records; nor have they been satisfactorily settled, though agitated, more or less, for many years.

The reason for claiming 1796 as the true starting point of our Conference history, as given by its ablest advocate, is this: "That by the act of the General Conference of that year, those bodies now known among us as Annual Conferences, acquired their present distinctive form of organization—to-wit: (1) A chartered name for each Conference; (2) Jurisdiction over the Church within certain well-defined territorial limits; (3) The right to assemble every year; (4) Independence of all similar bodies in the exercise of legitimate authority and functions."

Now, grant that the facts affirmed in this extract are substantially true, does the conclusion logically follow? Does it follow that because the General Conference of 1796 gave certain names to the several Annual Conferences; that because it assigned them to certain well-defined territorial limits; that because it gave them certain rights and privileges, such as the privilege of meeting once a year, and the right to act independently of all similar bodies in the exercise of their legitimate authority and functions; that, therefore, the year 1796—the date of the General Conference at which these things were done—should be regarded as the date of their organic origin, and the actual and legitimate starting point of their sessional history? Surely not. Surely these children of organic Methodism were not brought to their birth by the names their mother gave them; nor by the territorial boundaries to which she restricted them; nor by the rights and privileges she accorded to them; nor by all of these things combined. On the contrary, it would seem that these wise provisions to distinguish her children and

to regulate and order their conduct as members of the family, must have been made, not only after their birth, but after they had reached an age and had developed a character which made these things necessary to their better government. In other words, the most that can be claimed, as logically following from the facts above alluded to, is this: that they mark an important stage in the providential growth of the Annual Conferences? To say that they fix the date of their origin, and form the starting point of their sessional history, is manifestly a *non sequitur*. That they MODIFIED THEIR ORGANIC FORM, no one will deny; but we would submit that the date of their ORGANIC ORIGIN—not the date of any particular FORM OR MODIFICATION of their organic life—forms the actual and legitimate starting point of their sessional history. Indeed, the names and boundaries, the rights and privileges of the Annual Conferences, have ever been, are now, and must ever be, open questions—subject to such changes and modifications as may be demanded by the development and conditions of the work from time to time. But let it be distinctly observed, that such changes and modifications are but *incidental facts* in the progress of Annual Conference history. They are not, by any means, ESSENTIAL to their existence. Hence they do not fix the date of their origin, nor form the starting point of their sessional numbers.

But let us grant, for the sake of the argument, that the sessions of *our* Conference are correctly numbered from the year 1796: that they are correctly numbered from that date, because its distinctive organic existence was acquired by the legislation of the General Conference of that year. Does not this reason apply with *equal* force to all the older Conferences? Does it not apply *equally* to the Baltimore, the South Carolina, and the Philadelphia? Undoubtedly it does. But do they number their sessions from the year 1796? No, not one of them? Each numbers its sessions from its first meeting after the organization of the M. E. Church by the Christmas General Conference, 1784. For example, the Baltimore numbers its sessions from June, 1785, which is the date of its first meeting after the organization of the Church. Hence, its last session, held March, 1880, is recorded in its published Minutes as the ninety-sixth, which makes it appear just ten years older than the Virginia Conference, when, in fact, these two Conferences are the same age, or, if any difference, the Virginia is a little the older. The South Carolina Conference has pursued the same course. The sessions of this Conference are numbered from February, 1787, which is the date of its first meeting after the organization of the Church. Hence, its last session is recorded as the ninety-third, which makes it appear to be just eight years older than the Virginia; when, in fact, the Virginia Conference was organized two years before the sister of the Palmetto State came into existence. And the Philadelphia Conference also numbers its sessions from the year 1788, which is the date of its first meeting after the organization of the Church. But it may be said, "What have we to do with the sessional history of these Conferences? That is not our concern." What! "Not our concern?" Is the example of the Baltimore, the South Carolina and the Philadelphia Conferences in this matter—yea, of all the older Conferences in the domain of Methodism—perfectly immaterial to us? This is not—cannot be true. On the contrary, their uniform example raises a strong presumption against 1796 as the starting point of Annual Conference history. Yea, it ought to be accepted as establishing the rule, *that the sessions of all the Annual Conferences should be numbered from the date of their first meetings after the organization of the Church*. Conformity to this rule is absolutely necessary to prevent misapprehension with regard to the ages of our several Annual Conferences. To say the least, the course pursued by our Conference with regard to this matter is well calculated to confuse and mislead the readers of our Conference history? Why, then, should we continue it?

But this is not all. In numbering the sessions of our Conference from the year

1796, instead of from the date of its first meeting after the organization of the Church in the year 1784, our records are not only at variance with those of our sister Conferences, but they are actually untrue to the foundation facts and principles of Methodist history. This entry in our records is based on the erroneous principle *that the year 1796 is the true starting point of Annual Conference history*. That this principle is regarded as erroneous by our sister Conferences North and South, may be safely inferred from the fact that not one of them has adopted it. And that they have acted wisely, may be established on the clear and unequivocal testimony of the General Minutes—a work of the highest authority among us, in which (see Vol. I, page 49) Annual Conference history begins—not from the General Conference of 1796, but from the organization of the Church in the year 1784; and from this date the proceedings of these bodies are classified and described under the heading, “*Minutes taken at the Several Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church.*” It may be said that this is only the “heading” of the General Minutes. True; but does not the “heading” classify and describe the bodies, whose proceedings are recorded under it? Surely it does. And the very fact that it is the “heading” enhances its evidential value; for nothing is more important, in a work like this, than the “headings” under which its facts are published. And the “headings” of the General Minutes are justly entitled to the highest authority, by the fact that they were prepared for the Church by her own duly appointed and approved agents, for the express purpose of preserving historical accuracy. Moreover, their accuracy in this regard is corroborated by the most reliable historians of American Methodism (see Jessee Lee, page 118, and Stevens, Vol. II, page 492).

It may be said that prior to the General Conference of 1796, these bodies were not called Annual Conferences, but District Conferences, “Our Conferences,” “The Conferences,” &c. On this point, permit us to quote the History of the Discipline, by Robert Emory, page 110. He says: “Throughout the Discipline of 1792, the Annual Conferences are called ‘District Conferences;’ in 1796, ‘District’ was changed to ‘Yearly,’ and that to ‘Annual’ in 1816.” This extract shows that the word “Annual” was not a part of what has been called the *chartered* name of these bodies given by the General Conference of 1796. It was not put into their name until the General Conference of 1816. It also shows that these bodies were *essentially* Annual Conferences, under all the names by which they have been designated. They are so called by Dr. Emory in this very extract, and in many places in his valuable work. They are so called by every historian of Methodism. Why? Because they were held by Annual Conference officers, were composed of Annual Conference members, and performed Annual Conference duties. Hence, they were Annual Conferences in all the *essentia* of Annual Conference organizations.

It may be said that prior to the General Conference of 1796, the Annual Conferences were not separate and distinct bodies. In some respects they were not. They were not territorially, nor were they at all times in conference action. They sometimes met in *joint sessions*, and transacted important business *en masse*. This was necessary—1st. Because, until the first session of the Quadrennial General Conference, 1792, they were legislative as well as administrative bodies. Hence, *joint sessions* were held to prevent the delay and inconvenience of separate conference action with reference to legislative questions; 2d. The peculiar exigencies of the times OCCASIONALLY brought these Conferences together in joint meeting to consider matters of common interest. Thus the veterans of Methodism, from distant fields, were brought face to face; connectional questions were discussed, and plans for the promotion of connectional interests were adopted; the bonds of brotherly love were strengthened, and the hearts of the brotherhood were drawn more closely together. These were grand occa-

sions. Such was the meeting in Greenville, Va., in Nov., 1794. That some very-marked irregularities should have occurred in the proceedings of these bodies is surely not at all surprising. On the contrary, it would be surprising if they had not occurred; but we should remember that what seems so irregular to us, may not have been irregular in fact—it may have been imperatively demanded by the *exigencies* of the Church in this early period of its history. Then let us not see irregularities where none exist; and when they exist really and truly, let us not too hastily conclude that they destroy the autonomy of these bodies as Annual Conferences. Do the joint meetings of our Churches and Sunday Schools, in which they often act *en masse*, with regard to matters of common interest, disintegrate and destroy their separate and distinct organizations? Why, then, should the Joint Conferences of this early period, acting together on matters of common interest, cause us to conclude that they were not separate and distinct organic bodies? The fact that they *sometimes* met and acted together would seem to prove that *generally* they acted separately and independently of each other.

Again, it may be said that the sessional history of the Conferences cannot be traced through these years. For example, it sometimes occurred that several of these Conferences were held in Virginia the same year, and sometimes several were held the same year within the territory subsequently assigned to the Virginia Annual Conference by the General Conference of 1796; and when this was the case, it may be asked, how can you trace through these years the sessional history of the body which you claim to be the body now known as the Virginia Annual Conference. We reply, (1) By the locality in which it always met. (2) By the preachers who attended its sessions. (3) By the people served. (4) By the position it occupied, as gathered from the history of the times. Guided not by one, but by all of these obvious rules—all plain matters of fact—we can see no reason to doubt that the following are the successional meetings of our Conference from 1784 to 1796—a period of twelve years—viz.: Mason's, Brunswick county, Va., May, 1785; Lanes' Chapel, Sussex county, Va., April, 1786; Rough Creek, Charlotte county, Va., April, 1787; Petersburg, Va., June, 1788; Petersburg, June, 1789; Lanes', Sussex county, Va., June, 1790; Petersburg, April, 1791; Lanes' Chapel, Sussex county, Va., December, 1791; Manchester, November, 1792; Petersburg, November, 1793; Mabery's, Greenville county, Va., Nov., 1794; Salem, Mecklenburg county, Va., November, 1795; Mabery's, Greenville county, Va., November, 1796.

Now, with respect to these Conferences, you will observe, (1) That all of them are recorded in the General Minutes as having been duly appointed and held at the times and places above mentioned. (2) That they were all held within the territory of our Conference, as defined by the General Conference of 1796. (3) That they were all held in that part of the Virginia Conference territory known as "Southside Virginia," *which was the very heart of Virginia Methodism*. Here Methodism first took root in this State; and here it grew both in numbers and influence, with a rapidity and power unequalled anywhere in the United States or in England. It was planted in this section of the State by Robert Williams, the Apostle of Virginia Methodism, as early as 1772. Of the twelve Methodist Conferences held in the United States from the introduction of Methodism into this country 1776, to the organization of the M. E. Church 1784, *six* of them met in Virginia, and *five* of the six assembled in *Southside Virginia*. And at the Conference held in Philadelphia in 1775, which was the third Conference in the history of American Methodism, *one-third of all the traveling preachers in the Methodist connection in this country were stationed in Southside Virginia*. Frances Asbury was sent to Norfolk; and to Brunswick and the adjacent counties, George Shadford, Robert Lindsay, Edward Drumgoole, Robert Williams and William Glendening. These devoted pioneers of Virginia Methodism found a hearty co-

operation on the part of Devereaux Jarrett, of the English Church, a holy man of God, all aflame with apostolic zeal. They were worthily succeeded by such men as McKendree, Bruce and Lee. The work of the Lord prospered and the Church multiplied greatly. Speaking of the work in this section of the State in the year 1787, Jesse Lee says there were sixteen hundred souls converted in Sussex Circuit, in Brunswick there were eighteen hundred, and in Amelia there were eight hundred—making forty-two hundred converts in these three circuits in one year. The Southside was all ablaze. The heavenly fire spread to other and distant parts of the Commonwealth; circuits and districts were organized in Northern and Western Virginia; Conferences were held in these and other sections of the State. And flaming with missionary zeal the preachers of the Southside went into North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and indeed into all the States of the South and West; while Jesse Lee—one of the bravest of the brave—pushing away into New England, boldly planted the Wesleyan Standard on Boston Common and won glorious victories on those hard-fought fields full of bigotry, formality and skepticism.

We would emphasize these facts of Methodist history because they show that the Southside Conference, whose sessions during this period are given above, was the parent body of Virginia Methodism, and I had almost said of Southern Methodism. Conferences sprung up elsewhere in Virginia and North Carolina. They multiplied rapidly. But they were the offshoots of this parent stock. Nor did they suspend or in any way interfere with the Annual meetings of this Southside Conference. This *parent body* met year after year, at the times and places above mentioned, and its sessions were always regarded as those of the Virginia Conference *proper*. They are frequently mentioned *as such* by the best historians of the Church. And their claim to this pre-eminence is corroborated by the fact that after the action of the General Conference of 1796 with regard to the territorial boundaries of this body, it continued ten years thereafter to hold its annual sessions in Southside Virginia.

Now, is this tracing a chimera? No, it is following, step by step, the well-defined course of a clear and beautiful stream. From its fountain head in Brunswick, the body now known as the Virginia Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, has descended to us through an unbroken line of sessional meetings. No tributary has diverted its course or tainted its waters. As a noble river of the water of life, its streams have gladdened our Methodism and blessed our country—North and South, East and West.

Now shall we perpetuate in our own Journal the sessional numbering of our Conference, which does not embrace its annual meetings during these most glorious years of our Conference history; which makes this foster mother of Virginia Methodism appear to be only one of the younger sisters in the family of American Methodist Conferences, when, in fact, she is as old as the oldest, if not the oldest of all; and which departs from the uniform example of all the older Conferences in this matter—a fact well adapted to confuse and mislead the readers of our Conference history, with reference to the actual and relative age of this venerable body? We trust not; and in this faith we would offer for your adoption the following preamble and resolution.

WHEREAS, We believe that the sessions of our Conference should be numbered from its first meeting after the organization of the M. E. Church, by the Christmas Conference of 1784; and, whereas, its first session thereafter was duly appointed and held by Bishops Coke and Asbury, at the house of Mr. Mason, Brunswick county, Va., May, 1785; and, whereas, from that day to this a session thereof has been held, in regular succession, year after year, within the geographical limits assigned to it by the General Conference of 1796, except as to the years 1791 and 1841, when the changes in the time of the year for the meeting of Con-

ference made it necessary to hold two sessions in each of these calendar years, therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference be and is hereby instructed to conform the Conference Journal to these historical facts, numbering this as the Ninety-Eighth Session of the Virginia Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South.

ALEX. G. BROWN, Chairman.

JOHN E. EDWARDS,

LEROY M. LEE

GEO. W. NOLLEY.

While as a member of the above Committee, I do not concur in the report as a whole, nevertheless, I believe the change in the numbering of our Conference sessions, as recommended by the Committee, can be properly introduced, and is, on many accounts, desirable.

P. A. PETERSON.

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